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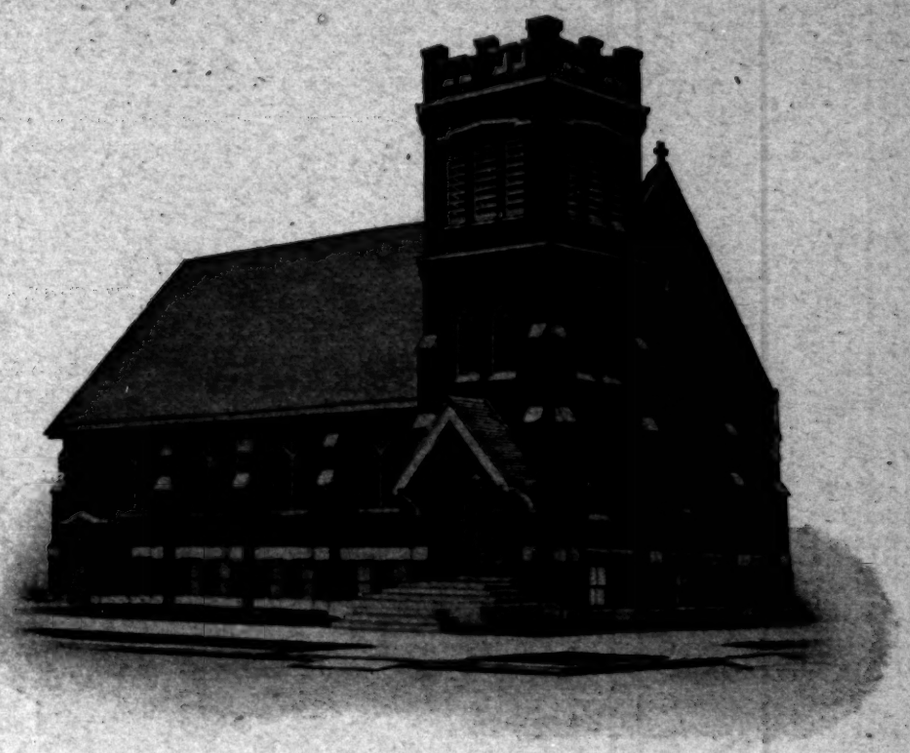

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, RACINE, WIS.

The establishment of a second General Council English Lutheran Church in Racine must be accredited to the Rev. Wm. Eckert, then pastor of Holy Communion congregation of that city. Lots were purchased on Reformation Eve., October 30, 1908. Sunday school services were started November 15, in a private home. The organization was finally effected under the direction of the Rev. A. C. Anda, Field Missionary, Pentecost, May 30, 1909, with 130 charter members. Building operations were begun immediately. The cornerstone was laid August 8, 1909, and the building dedicated January 16, 1910. It cost about $15,000.00.

In the meantime and until late in fall the congregation worshipped in a tent. Student E. O. Hoffmeister assisted Rev. Eckert in the development of the work. The Rev. W. F. Rex became pastor of the congregation in 1910, and under his efficient leadership the growth has been rapid.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of "The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in the Church of the Atonement, Racine, Wis., the Rev. W. F. Rex, Pastor, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 9th, 1914.

The program of Synod, including the recommendations of the Luturgical Committee and changes adopted during the Sessions, was as follows:

PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9.

10:00 a. m.—Hymns 366, 248, 386, 336.

Confessional Service conducted by the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Secretary of Synod, Milwaukee, Wis.

Chief Service beginning with the Introit for Trinity Sunday, (page 68.)

Synodical Sermon by Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., President of Synod, Minneapolis, Minn.
Theme: "The Divine Mission of Our Synod."

Administration of the Holy Communion by the clerical officers of Synod.

2:00 p. m.—Hymn 244.

Formal opening of Synod by the President, (page 439).

Reports of the President and of the Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis.

Election of officers.

3:30 p. m.—Session of the Conferences.

4:30 p. m.—Committee meetings.

8:00 p. m.—Vespers, conducted by the Rev. P. E. Baisler, Winnipeg, Man.
Hymn 628. Psalm 46.
Lessons, Titus 3:1-8; St. Matthew 16:13-20.
Hymns 264, 266. Collects Nos. 15 and 16.

Addresses:

"The Church, God's Saving Institution," by the Rev. W. F. Bacher, Duluth, Minn.

"The Distinctive Practices of the Lutheran Church," by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

9:00 a. m.—Matins conducted by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.
Hymns 510, 382. Psalm 61.
Lesson, 1 Tim. 6:1-16; followed by an address.
Hymn 639. Collects Nos. 3 and 4.

9:30 a. m.—Addresses:

"The Educational Situation in Our American Lutheran Church," by the Rev. Wm. Eckert, Chicago, Ill.

"The Mission and Church Extension on Outlook," by the Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Discussion.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by the Rev. J. S. Albert, Minneapolis, Minn.
Hymn 312. Lesson, 2 Tim. 3:1-7. Collect No. 44.
Business.

4:00 p. m.—Address:

"Christian Church Architecture", by the Rev. G. H. Schnur, St. Paul, Minn.

8:00 p. m.—Vespers conducted by the Rev. Wm. H. Gable, Superior, Wis.
Hymn 614. Psalm 48.
Lessons, Colossians 2:1-10; Acts 17:16-27.

Addresses:

"The Church and Socialism," by the Rev. C. J. Rockey, Minneapolis, Minn.

"The Church and Intemperance," by the Rev. Wm. S. Ulrich,

"The Church's Call for Service," by the Rev. Luther B. Deck, Minneapolis, Minn.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

9:00 a. m.—Matins conducted by the Rev. J. Sander, L.H.D., Lindstrom, Minn.

Hymns 638, 378. Psalm 62.

Lesson, 1 Tim. 4:1-16; followed by an address.

Hymn 383. Collects Nos. 16 and 17.

Business.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by the Rev. C. C. Roth, Red Wing, Minn.

Hymn 572.

Lesson, St. Matthew 25:31-46. Collects Nos. 5 and 6.

Business.

3:30 p. m.—Address:

"Modern Heresies on Future Punishment," by the Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, Minneapolis, Minn.

8:00 p. m.—Chief Service conducted by the clerical officers of Synod.

Hymns 625, 290, 252.

Lessons, Titus 1:1-9; St. Luke 10:1-16.

Ordination Service, (page 422), with the administration of the Lord's Supper to the newly ordained.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

9:00 a. m.—Matins conducted by Rev. L. W. Steckel, Albert Lea, Minn.

Hymns 100, 220. Psalm 111.

Lesson, St. Luke 15:1-10; followed by an address.

Hymn 478. Collects Nos. 62 and 55.

Business.

2:00 p. m.—Service conducted by Rev. Chas. Gauger, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hymn 477.

Lessons, Malachi 3:8-12 and St. Mark 12:41-44.

Collects Nos. 56 and 69.

Hymn 274.

Order for closing of Synod (page 441).

Lack of time at the closing session prevented the presentation of the following theses, which were deferred until the next meeting of Synod.

THESES ON CHRISTIAN GIVING.

REV. A. J. D. HAUPT, D.D.

I. God requires it. Deut. 16:16-17; Matt. 5:42, 10:8, 19:21; Luke 6:30.

II. God has set us the example. Matt. 20:28; Jno. 10:11, 3:16.

III. The spirit of Christian giving. Matt. 10:8; Mark 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 9:7.

IV. The necessity of Christian giving. Matt. 19:21, 21:3; Luke 6:30-35, 7:44.

V. The blessedness of Christian giving. Mal. 3:10; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-11.

VI. Christian giving not only of money, but also of time, etc. Matt. 25:35-43; Luke 11:41, 12:33.

VII. Christian giving should be proportionate. Num. 18:24-26; Mal. 3:8-10; Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:2.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, June 9, 1914, 2:00 P. M.

After the singing of Hymn 244, "Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire," the Convention was formally opened by the President of Synod according to the usual order.

The Hon. W. L. Goodland, Mayor of Racine, introduced to the Convention by the pastor loci, delivered an address of welcome.

The Roll of Ministers was called. The Credential Committee at this and later sessions reported credentials from thirty-one lay-delegates. Three candidates were ordained at a later service, making the Roll of Synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

	MINISTERS	Ordained	Entered Synod	LAY DELEGATES	PARISHES
1	G. H. Trabert, D. D.	1870	1898	H. J. Bussau	Salem....Minneapolis, Minn.
2	W. K. Frick, D. D.	1873	1891	Prof Ralph D. Owen*	Redeemer....Milwaukee, Wis.
3	J. Sander, L. H. D.	1880	1910	O. F. Lindstrom	Trinity....Lindstrom, Minn.
4	A. J. D. Haupt, D. D*	1884	1891 1910		St. Paul, Minn.
5	James F. Beates	1884	1884 1906	J. P. Lautenslager	Trinity....St. Paul, Minn.
6	Geo. H. Schnur**	1886	1907	Otto Monson**	Reformation...St. Paul, Minn.
7	H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	Dr. C. A. Palm*	Grace....Kenosha, Wis.
8	W. F. Bacher**	1889	1908	A. A. Miller	St. John's....Duluth, Minn.
9	F. W Klingensmith*	1894	1909		Redeemer...Livingston, Mont.
10	C. P. Weiskotten	1894	1911		FieldMissionary.Milw'k'e,Wis.
11	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D	1896	1905	Gorham Carlson	St. John's..Minneapolis, Minn.
12	W. S. Ulrich	1899	1908	Harold Bergh	St. Mark's....Fargo, N. D.
13	F. E Cooper**	1899	1912	John T. Janssen**	Lake Park....Milwaukee, Wis.
14	P. E. Baisler	1901	1901	G. E. Redmond	First English.Winnipeg, Ma..
15	Wm. Eckert**	1901	1905		Gen.Sec.Lu Sem. Maywood, Ill.
16	L. F Gruber	1901	1908	E. Bruhn*	St. Mark's..Minneapolis, Minn.
17	Willis Beck**	1902	1905	B. R. Johnson	Goodhue Par.,Zumbrota Minn.
18	W. F. Rex	1902	1910	John Overson	Atonement....Racine, Wis.
19	P. W. Roth	1903	1912		Deac. M. H. & Hos., Milw. Wis.
20	W. P. Christy	1904	1904	T. Evjen	Holy Trinity.. La Crosse, Wis.
21	L. W Steckel	1904	1909	Russell Nelson	Salem....Albert Lea, Minn
22	W. H. Gable**	1905	1905	Frank Carlson*	Holy Trinity....Superior, Wis.
23	G. Keller Rubrecht	1905	1905	Chas. G. Schumann	Epiphany....Milwaukee, Wis.
24	H. R. Gold	1907	907	L. A. Anderson**	Madison-Middleton Par. Wis.
25	Luther B. Deck	1908	1908		FieldMissionary.Min'p's,Minn.
26	C. A. Naumann**	1908	1913	E. H. Koepke	Reformation..Milwaukee, Wis.
27	Chas. Gauger	1908	1914	Jno. Charleson*	Holy Commun..Min'p's, Minn.
28	A. J. Sommer	1909	1913	J. P. Prebensen**	St. Paul's....Neenah, Wis.
29	E. O. Hoffmeister	1910	1911	L. P. Rassmusson	St. Peter's....Janesville, Wis.
30	W. C. Stump	1910	1912	Arthur M. Schram*	St. John's....Oshkosh, Wis.
31	C. J. Rockey	1911	1911	Louis Anderson	Redeemer..Minneapolis, Minn.
32	J. F. Fedders	1911	1912	H. F. Mueller**	Holy Communion.Racine, Wis.
33	C. C. Roth**	1913	1913	O. H. Adler	St. Paul's....Red Wing, Minn.
34	John. S Albert	1913	1913	LeRoy Nielsen	Holy Trinity, Minnplis, Minn.
35	F. R. Webber	1914	1914	Geo. Luety	Atonement....Beloit. Wis.
36	Harrison C. Rex	1914	1914	Henry Schambow	First English..Platteville, Wis.
37	Chas. L. Grant	1914	1914	Abel L. Hanson*	St. Mark's..N. St. Paul. Minn.
38					Faith....St. Paul. Minn.
39					Waterloo.Marshall Parish.Wis.
40					Advent....Cedarburg, Wis.
41					Holy Trinity....Afton. Wis

* Excused from all sessions
** Excused from some of the sessions
See Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

THE ROLL SHOWS
37 Ministers; 35 present.
31 Lay Del.; 25 present.
41 Congregations.

Visiting Ministers.

During the Convention the following visitors were welcomed and accorded the privileges of the floor:

Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. M. H. Wichman, Milwaukee, Wis.
Rev. A. C. Anda, Chicago, Ill.
Student A. James Haupt, St. Paul, Minn.

The presence of Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, President of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Eastern Conference, was also recognized.

The President presented his official report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

It is a privilege to be permitted again to offer an annual report to the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest. We stop for reflection — looking back over the activities of a successful year and turning to the future with hope and determination.

We are assembled for the first time in the Church of the Atonement, Racine. Our last Racine convention was held in 1905, in the Church of the Holy Communion. Since then a sister congregation, large and powerful, has sprung into existence, which to-day, under the guidance and care of the Rev. W. F. Rex, its gifted and successful pastor, entertains Synod during its Twenty-fourth Annual Convention. We congratulate the young congregation and its devoted pastor and his wife. Racine is happily located, and, with its many industries and broad avenues of expanse, will soon be an important city. The Lutheran Church will be the leading church of the town.

Visitations.

Under this heading, I will, for the sake of brevity, mention only time, place and purpose of official visits.

1913.

June 1.—Church of Reformation, St. Paul. Laying cornerstone.
" 12.—Atonement, Beloit, Wis. Installation.
" 15.—St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn. Installation.
" 22.—Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn. Installation.
July 13.—Duluth. Met with St. John's Church Council.
Aug. 3.—Milwaukee. Spoke at Fiftieth Anniversary of Passavant Hospital.
" 27.—Waterloo, Wis. Luther League Convention.
" 28.—Marshall, Wis. Luther League Convention.

Sept. 7.—St. John's Duluth, Minn. Installation.
" 11-18.—Toledo, Ohio. General Council.
Oct. 7-8.—Central Conference, Fargo, N. D.
" 22.—Milwaukee, Wis. Executive Committee meeting.
" 22.—Church of Reformation, Milwaukee. Installation.
" 20-23.—Eastern Conference, Church of Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.
Nov. 11-12.—Home Mission Board Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.
" 30.—First Church, Winnipeg, Canada. Dedication.
Dec. 11.—Neenah, Wis. Installation.

1914.
Jan. 28.—Maywood Seminary.
Feb. 3.—Appleton, Wis.
" 4.—Church of Reformation, St. Paul. Spoke.
" 23.—Superior, Wis. Address.
May 5.—Holy Communion, Minneapolis. Reception for Rev. Gauger.
" 13-14.—Home Mission Board Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.
" 24.—Church of Reformation, St. Paul, Minn. Dedication.
June 7.—Oshkosh, Wis. Cornerstone.

Laying of Cornerstones.

June 1, 1913, occurred the laying of the cornerstone of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, St. Paul. Dr. Haupt spoke on "Stones for a Memorial." President of the Synod laid the stone.

Governor A. O. Eberhart and the Twin City pastors had parts on the program. It was a beautiful, peaceful, balmy, Minnesota June Sunday, long to be remembered by the great throng that crowded the building grounds.

Trinity Sunday, June 7, 1914, the cornerstone was laid, Holy Trinity, Marshall, Wis., by the Wisconsin Field Missionary, the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten. This prosperous mission is one of the youngest in Synod, and the work has been most promising. Waterloo and Marshall will soon have a pastor, and the parish will prosper as never before and become one of the strongest in Synod.

Trinity Sunday, June 7, 1914, the cornerstone of the St. John's English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, was laid. The day was a perfect Wisconsin summer day, and a great concourse of people attended the ceremony. The entire day was given to festivities. At the morning service the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., President of Synod, preached the sermon, and the Rev. William C. Stump, pastor of St. John's, read a very interesting historical address. At three o'clock in the afternoon the stone was laid by the President of Synod. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. E. Cooper, President of the Eastern Conference, and by the President of Synod. The liturgical service was conducted by the Revs. W. C. Stump and A. J. Sommer. The church is located on the corner of Main street and Lincoln Avenue, in the finest residential district of the city, and will be one of the finest church edifices of the city. The

energetic pastor and wife and the self-sacrificing members are to be congratulated on the wonderful success of their harmonious labors.

Dedications.

June 8, 1913, Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, was dedicated under great rejoicing. Dr. C. J. Cooper, father of the faithful pastor, the Rev. F. E. Cooper, preached the sermon and the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., performed the dedication. As it now stands this church has no equal in the Synod. Its location, architectural beauty and interior furnishings, make it the pride of Milwaukee and the entire Synod.

November 20, 1913, the dedication of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Winnipeg, took place; the President of the Synod performing the consecration, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann and the pastor, Rev. P. E. Baisler. This church is located on Maryland street, just off of Ellice Avenue, has a central location, and can easily be reached by all. It is well built, beautiful, conveniently arranged and compares favorably with the finest churches of Winnipeg.

May 24, 1913, at 3 P. M., the Church of the Reformation, St. Paul, was dedicated by its pastor, the Rev. G. H. Schnur, assisted by Twin City and visiting pastors. Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., preached the sermon in the morning, on "The Memorial Stones of the Church of the Reformation," and Rev. W. S. Bacher in the evening. This is the largest and most expensive English Lutheran Church in the Northwest, costing about $75,000. It is a specimen of pure Gothic architecture and an ideal for Lutheran congregations. It will stand for generations to come as a monument to its present self-sacrificing and far-seeing leaders; and will halt the attention of thousands in the Capitol city and beyond to English Lutheranism in the Northwest.

Installations.

June 12, 1913, installed the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, Church of Atonement, Beloit, Wisconsin, assisted by the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Secretary of the Synod.

June 15, 1913, St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minnesota, the Rev. C. C. Roth, assisted by Rev. Willis Beck.

June 22, 1913, Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Rev. J. S. Albert, assisted by Rev. J. F. Beates, President of Central Conference, Dr. G. H. Trabert, Rev. G. H. Schnur, and Rev. L. F. Gruber.

Sept. 7, 1913, St. John's, Duluth, Rev. W. F. Bacher, assisted by Rev. Wm. H. Gable.

October 22, 1913, Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Rev. C. A. Naumann. Dr. W. K. Frick preached the charge to the pastor; Rev. P. W. Roth charge to congregation; Rev. F. E. Cooper and Rev. G. K. Rubrecht assisting.

December 11, 1913, St. Paul's Church, Neenah, Wisconsin, Rev. A. J. Sommer; assisted by Rev. Luther Hogshead, Western District Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. W. C. Stump.

Anniversaries.

Sunday, August 3, 1913, your President had the pleasure of attending and speaking on behalf of the Synod at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Milwaukee Passavant Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Rev. Dr. Frick preached the Anniversary Sermon. As Synod, we take deep and sincere pride and interest in this excellent institution, founded by that famous philanthropist of our Church, the Rev. Dr. Passavant.

Sept. 7th and 8th, the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, celebrated its Fifteenth Anniversary. Both former pastors, Rev. G. Franklin Gehr and Rev. Wm. Eckert were present and preached. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Fedders, gave the historical address. The anniversary also marked the successful close of the White Elephant campaign for $3,500.

Pastoral Changes.

Early in July, Rev. A. J. Holl resigns and accepts a call to First Church, Columbus, Ohio. Letter to District Synod of Ohio granted September 21, 1913.

Rev. Walter Krumwiede, after less than half a year at Atonement, Beloit, Wis., resigns and accepts a call to "Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," Buffalo, New York. Letters to New York and New England Synod granted March 17, 1914.

Rev. T. F. Weiskotten resigns Cedarburg to labor in Rocky Mountain Synod, to which Synod letter was granted him April 24, 1914.

April 2d, I was notified officially of the resignation of the Rev. G. H. Schnur, of the Church of the Reformation at St. Paul, in order to accept a call to Zelienople, Pa. His resignation will take effect July 15, 1914.

The Rev. A. C. Peterson, having accepted a call to Anderson, Ind., a letter to the Chicago Synod was granted him on the 8th of June, 1914.

Besides these, some intra-synodical changes have taken place. Dr. A. J. D. Haupt, resigning Salem, Albert Lea, and accepting call of the Women's Protestant League of St. Paul as Director of Social Service. Rev. L. W. Steckel, resigning Platteville, accepting Albert Lea. Rev. W. F. Bacher, resigning Church of the Reformation, St. Paul, accepting St. John's, Duluth; Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, resigning Waterloo and becoming Field Missionary for Wisconsin.

Received from Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. C. A. Naumann; from Chicago Synod, Rev. A. J. Sommer.

Rev. Charles Gauger, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, has accepted call to Holy Communion, Minneapolis, and applies for reception into Synod.

Students Charles L. Grant, North St. Paul and Rice Street Mission, and H. C. Rex, Platteville, both of Maywood Seminary, apply for ordination at this meeting, as does F. R. Webber, Beloit.

Conventions and Conferences.

Among the important conventions held within the Synod during the year which I have visited, can mention the eighteenth convention of Central Conference, St. Mark's, Fargo, October 7-8, 1913. The eighth Annual Convention of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Central Conference, same place and date as above mentioned Conference. Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Luther League of Wisconsin, St. Paul's, Waterloo, August 26-28, 1913. Twenty-first Semi-annual Convention of Eastern Conference, Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, October 20-23, 1913. Women's Missionary Convention of Eastern Conference, same time and place as above.

School Question Again.

Last year in my report, I referred to the lack of Preparatory Schools for our Synod. The Committee on the President's Report recommended (Art. 7) "That a Committee on Christian Education be appointed to take under advisement the establishment, if possible, conjointly with other English Lutheran Synods, of a college at Maywood as well as that of an academy by this Synod at such place as may be deemed most practicable."

The committee appointed consisted of Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, Rev. W. F. Rex, Messrs. August A. Moths and G. Edward Roth, from Eastern Conference; Rev. L. F. Gruber, Dr. A. J. D. Haupt; Messrs. Otto Monson and James Nelson, Central Conference.

This committee will report in due time. As President of Synod, I received, January 25th, a communication from the Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, of Weidner Institute, requesting me to ask our School Committee to attend a joint meeting to be held March 3d, at Mulberry, Indiana. This I did not do for various reasons. In his letter, Rev. Arbaugh writes: "Weidner Institute of our Synod has made a proposition to the District Synod to join in its management and support." "There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Weidner Institute, March 3d, and I have thought that would be a suitable time for the three committees to meet." I wrote a counter proposition to Rev. Arbaugh asking that the Committees meet at Maywood. If so, I would have advised our men to attend. This proposition was not acceded to. I am of the opinion yet that Maywood, and Maywood alone, is the logical location for a first class college, as far as we are concerned. I am also of the opinion that if such a college were established, it, together with the Seminary, would grow and become one of the largest Lutheran educational centers of America. I hope the College Committee will get together at this Convention and think hard and far.

Men's Clubs.

It is with sincere pleasure that we note the warm interest our men are taking in the varied activities of the Church. The day is indeed past when the workers of the Church were divided into three classes,—preacher, women and children. In most congregations I find a strong,

willing consecrated band of intelligent and experienced men. Who has not heard of the men's organizations in Milwaukee and the Twin Cities, yea, and in other parts of the Synod? Brethren, let the good work go on. There ought to be a Men's Brotherhood in every congregation.

Home Mission Week.

Home Mission Week services, with wonderful results, were held in nearly all congregations of the Synod. A beautiful souvenir program, covering all the doings of the week in all the General Council Churches of Milwaukee, was published by the brethren of that city. The general topic this year was "Immigration; the Stranger Within Our Gates."

In connection with the increased interest brought about by the Home Mission Week services, we feel that the "Go-to-Church-Sunday" movement contributed in a measure to increase the attendance. Publicity, advertisement, constant agitation, all help in reaching the masses. I am authoritatively informed that at our Easter Service this year nearly all our churches were entirely too small to accommodate the crowds. One church turned away an estimated two hundred.

An Open Door.

It is a double door, to say nothing of the side doors. Wisconsin forms one, Minnesota the other. In my judgment, there are no other two states in the Union or Canada so ripe for English Lutheranism, and with such a Lutheran population. A great part of the unchurched element of Wisconsin is Lutheran. Study Rev. Rubrecht's published article in the Home Missionary. There must be in Wisconsin alone about three quarters of a million of Lutherans outside of any church connection. All are fast Anglicising and must be gathered by English-speaking workers.

In Minnesota, the state with eleven thousand lakes and wealth enough for a nation, the Lutherans of Scandinavian and German parentage control the political, social and religious conditions.

The very State University is selected to be the center of Scandinavian Art and Literature of America; and in the new, magnificent, costly Minneapolis Art Musuem rooms will be set apart for a center for all America of Scandinavian paintings. If the Lord had opened a thousand doors, and given us our choice, we could have chosen none leading to any more fruitful and appreciative fields. "The harvest truly is plenteous."

State of the Churches.

We have already under cornerstone layings and dedications told of the progress made in some churches. Some of the older have had their regular uneventful course. No troubles or causes for alarm have existed. Harmony and good will prevails. The Word has been preached regularly, and the Sacraments administered by a faithful

ministry. Numerical and financial strength and increase will be reported in another place. Mention will be made here of only a few congregations, where something over and above the ordinary has been done.

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn., installed new heating plant; reduced debt by $500.00. Increased pastor's salary. Decided to pay pastor's house rent.

Salem, Albert Lea, Minn. New pastor. Building now under repairs; will be completely re-decorated and renovated. Hopeful.

Holy Trinity, St. Paul, Minn. Paid off balance of indebtedness. Paid apportionment in full; but no increase in pastor's salary. Redecorated school rooms. Sixteen new subscribers to "The Lutheran."

Grace, Kenosha, Wis. Church attendance increased. $200.00 paid on church debt. Piano presented to congregation by Young Ladies' Society.

St. Paul's, Waterloo, Wis. Supplied by Student A. James Haupt, of Maywood.

St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D. Paid off $1,500 on debt. Installed pipe organ. Placed a nine foot gold leafed cross on exterior. Progress all along the line.

Lake Park, Milwaukee, Wis. Continues to grow steadily. People are responding generously and nobly to the appeals for work and money.

Cedarburg, Wis. Field Missionary, C. P. Weiskotten, confirmed seven on Palm Sunday. Has organized a Luther League of twenty members.

Holy Trinity, Marshall, Wis. Contract for new church. Cornerstone laid June 7, 1914.

Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis. Paid off $1,676 on debt. Has $400 more in pledges. Aims for $2,500. Work at North La Crosse is very promising; credit due the Rev. W. P. Christy. A property 50 x 120, with a frame church 35 x 58, has been purchased. The building has been decorated and furnished. First service was held February 15th, with an attendance of 87.

First English, Platteville, Wis. Very hopeful. $1,050 paid on debt.

Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis. Marked progress in all lines.

Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis. Congregation and Sunday school continue to grow. Pipe organ to be installed this summer. Debt to be reduced in the amount of $1,500. Two prospects for the ministry. One young woman ready to go to India as missionary. Sunday school numbers 700.

Madison, Wis. May 24th celebrated seventh anniversary. New name is Luther Memorial Church. Plans drawn for a $50,000 church. Excavation will begin July 1st. President Van Hise has expressed his appreciation of the work of our University Pastor, the Rev. H. R. Gold. The buildings on the site are being removed to make room for the chapel section of the church. Because of the nature of the work this

congregation is doing, the President commends it to the brethren and churches as worthy of generous support.

Middleton, Wis., has advanced steadily.

Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis. At the Church of the Reformation the new pastor has accomplished great things during six months of service. Six thousand dollars raised to apply on debt. Congregation self sustaining after May 1st.

St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis., will pay back the three-thousand dollar loan to the Church Extension Society this month — possibly before Synod meets. The congregation voted an hundred dollar increase in the pastor's salary, and aims to do likewise until the minimum recommended by the Synod is reached. The Women's Missionary Society put a hardwood floor in the main auditorium of the church, the men of the church laid it, the Society furnishing the material. Confirmed a class of twenty-two; two members of the class are students in the Wisconsin School for the Blind. Received 28 adults during the year, and will receive 15 or 18 Trinity Sunday. Have under a prosperous way a Thrift Club for the purpose of liquidating half of the $4,000 church debt by May, 1915.

Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minn. This congregation has enjoyed another year of prosperity and growth consistent with its constant progress since its establishment. The parish became self-sustaining May 1st. In addition to this, it has again raised the salary of its pastor; this commendable feature having been repeated every year since he has been there. The congregation is now engaged in paying the last thousand dollars of the church debt, with good prospects of paying the entire indebtedness. The apportionment has been doubled and the membership increased forty per cent.

Holy Communion, Racine, Wis. Flourishing; ninety-seven members added during last year. Have twenty-five in prospect for Whitsunday. Rich field for English Lutheran congregation; almost entirely free from debt. Growing fast.

St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn. Reports satisfying, and encouraging progress in the congregation. Sixty accessions since September, more than for any previous year. Attendance at services greatly improved but still capable of improvement. Financial condition better than ever before. The people are more hopeful than they were and, all things considered, may be thankful.

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn., has been making steady progress, and this in spite of the fact that the Lutheran churches upon its territory, one by one, have become bilingual during the last year or two.

St. Paul's, Neenah, Wis., will take possession of the corner lot, purchased last December, on or about August 1st, 1914. Contemplating a new church. Plans have been adopted at a recent congregational meeting. Estimated cost will figure around $15,000. An every-member-canvass has been started for the Building Fund. The responses are encouraging.

St. John's, Duluth, Minn. Encouraging increase in attendance, interest, and gifts in church and Sunday school.

Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn. Morning services were begun at Seven Oaks on the first Sunday in May, 1913. Immediately there was a noticeable increase in attendance over the afternoon services formerly held. The Sunday school also began to pick up. A house to house canvass of the neighborhood revealed a large number of parents unbaptized, and a still larger number of children still without that sacrament. By systematic organized class work many of these were instructed and received into the church. The accessions for the year were 100, received as follows: adult baptism 23, adult confirmation 14, renewal of faith 49, junior confirmation 10, transfer 4. In addition, 51 children were baptized. The communicant membership is now 170, of whom 153 communed. The Sunday school enrollment is 290. The receipts for the year amounted to $1,109.60, of which $184.37 was for benevolence. The Rev. Charles Gauger assumed charge of the work May 1, 1914.

St. Mark's Church, North St. Paul, Minn., had passed through a trying period. Without a pastor on the field services were not held, and even Sunday school was discontinued. Field Missionary assumed charge May 1st, with the President of Conference as acting pastor during the summer months. Confidence was restored, attendance at services steadily increased until it passed the 100 mark during the Lenten season, and the Sunday school is in the best condition in the history of the congregation. A debt of $350 was liquidated, and $131.69 was given to benevolences. The total receipts for the year amounting to $826.97. St. Mark's sends a delegate to Synod this year, proud of the fact that she has overpaid her apportionment and also made up all arrearages to the Ministers' Fund, Synodical Fund and Traveling Expense Fund. Thirty new members were received during the year: adult baptism 3, confirmation 8, renewal of faith 18, restoration 1. Mr. Charles L. Grant, of the Chicago Theological Seminary, assumed charge May 10th, and is making a house to house canvass to become acquainted with the field. Membership is 154.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The adoption of recomendation of General Council, Toledo, Minutes, page 189, Section 2.

2. That Synod complies with a request of the editor of "*The Lutheran*" in his desire to issue an illustrated Synodical edition of our church paper.

3. That we set aside 1915-1916 as our Synodical ENDOWMENT year for Chicago Seminary.

4. That some rules and regulations for the aid and guidance of President of Synod and Presidents of Conferences in their parish visitations be agreed upon.

5. That Synod make special effort this year in spreading "*The*

Lutheran" and some of the more recent literature published by our Publication Board. Among such publications I mention and heartily recommend the following: Rev. Finck's Lutheran Land-Marks, said by some in authority to be "The neatest thing ever published by a Lutheran Publication House". Dr. G. H. Trabert's new History of English Lutheranism in the Northwest, profusely illustrated and the story very interestingly told. This book, by the pioneer English Lutheran Missionary of the Northwest, will be a valuable addition to the Home Missionary literature of our Church. Then, also, the new History of our Mission in India, by the Reverends Kuder and Drach. These publications ought to find a welcome place in every home of entire Synod.

And now may God's blessing be upon us and prosper the works of our hands. We labor and plan, but must never forget that "the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; He is their strength in time of trouble." May this Convention be fruitful of much good.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY F. ELMQUIST,
President.

RACINE, WIS., June 9, 1914.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Mr. J. K. Jensen presented the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In account with the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

MAY 1, 1913, TO MAY 1, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Advent, Cedarburg	$ 52.80
Atonement, Beloit	24.25
Atonement, Racine	85.00
Epiphany, Milwaukee	566.50
First, Cannon Falls	19.74
First, Middleton	55.23
First, Platteville	119.57
First, Winnipeg	96.34
Grace, Kenosha	118.80
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	73.00
Holy Communion, Racine	487.36
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	146.25
Holy Trinity, Madison	53.70
Holy Trinity, Marshall	2.50
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	265.30
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	257.65
Holy Trinity, Superior	109.32

Lake Park, Milwaukee	113.79
Redeemer, Livingston	73.99
Redeemer, Milwaukee	648.15
Redeemer, Minneapolis	228.27
Redeemer, Zumbrota	84.41
Reformation, Milwaukee	472.56
Reformation, St. Paul	403.88
Salem, Albert Lea	127.90
Salem, Minneapolis	507.12
St. John's, Duluth	151.27
St. John's, Minneapolis	529.48
St. John's, Oshkosh	126.93
St. John's, Stacy	40.83
St. Luke's, Goodhue	122.83
St. Mark's, Fargo	430.90
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	386.48
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	173.47
St. Paul's, Neenah	49.95
St. Paul's, Red Wing	318.00
St. Paul's, Waterloo	37.50
St. Peter's, Janesville	338.84
Trinity, Lindstrom	109.03
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Society, Cent. Conference	50.00
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Society, East. Conference	301.13
Joint Council Committee of Milwaukee Churches	74.95
Refund on express charges on Minutes	2.80
From St. John's, Stacy, payments on note	15.00
Ministerial Education	75.00
Balance 1913, Current Expense Fund	17.16
Balance 1913, Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund	235.46
Balance 1913, Ministerial Education Fund	357.45
Balance 1913, Notes Receivable	55.00
	$9,192.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current Expenses	$ 385.50
Delegates' Traveling Expenses	117.01
Chicago Theological Seminary	2,206.54
General Council Home Missions	2,380.21
General Council Church Extension	730.83
General Council Foreign Missions	914.41
General Council Porto Rico Missions	434.57
General Council Slav Missions	156.96
General Council University Students' Work	402.33
General Council German Home Missions	62.71
General Council Jewish Missions	96.06
General Council Inner Missions	59.73
Orphans, Zelienople	25.00

Home for Epileptics, Zelienople, Pa	1.75
Luther Memorial Church, Madison, Wis	42.49
E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer for Wisconsin Field Missionary	74.95
Ministerial Education	75.00
Balance Current Expense Fund	177.27
Balance Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund	294.77
Balance Ministerial Education Fund	484.75
Balance Notes Receivable	70.00
	$9,192.84

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL DELEGATES' TRAVELING EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	$ 235.46
First, Middleton	2.83
First, Platteville	1.39
First, Winnipeg	4.94
Holy Communion, Racine	9.76
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	3.04
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	7.63
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	7.12
Holy Trinity, Superior	.02
Redeemer, Milwaukee	13.91
Redeemer, Minneapolis	4.27
Redeemer, Livingston	3.29
Reformation, St. Paul	27.48
Salem, Minneapolis	18.42
St. John's, Duluth	9.49
St. John's, Minneapolis	19.28
St. John's, Stacy	1.83
St. Mark's Minneapolis	12.96
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	2.95
St. Paul's, Neenah	3.95
St. Paul's, Red Wing	21.76
	$ 411.78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Advent, Cedarburg	$ 9.77
Atonement, Beloit	9.25
Atonement, Racine	1.19
Epiphany, Milwaukee	2.49
Grace, Kenosha	12.85
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	2.99
Holy Trinity, Madison	14.66
Lake Park, Milwaukee	21.04

Reformation, Milwaukee	3.15
St. John's, Oshkosh	6.33
St. Mark's, Fargo	17.48
St. Peter's, Janesville	14.59
Trinity, Lindstrom	1.21
Balance	294.77
	$ 411.78

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL CURRENT EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	$ 17.16
Total Receipts	545.61
	$ 562.77

DISBURSEMENTS.

President's Expenses	$ 69.79
Secretary, Salary and Expenses	14.81
Traveling Expenses Executive Committee	13.40
Traveling Expenses General Council Delegates	70.80
Printing	209.05
Miscellaneous Expenses	7.65
Balance	177.27
	$ 562.77

IN ARREARS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES 1913-14.

St. John's, Oshkosh	$ 1.71
Atonement, Racine	16.50
Grace, Kenosha	10.30
St. Paul's, Waterloo	5.80
Holy Trinity, Marshall	2.40
Holy Trinity, Afton	1.40

IN ARREARS FOR DELEGATES' TRAVELING EXPENSES 1913-1914.

Holy Trinity, Marshall	$ 1.97

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. JENSEN, Treasurer.

JANESVILLE, WIS., June 8, 1914.

The report was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Detailed Statement of Congregations' Contributions, Synodical Year, 1913-1914.

NAME	Curr't Exp.	Traveling Exp'se	Church Extension	Home Miss'ns	Forei'n Miss'ns	Porto Rico Miss'ns	Slav Miss'ns	Ministerial Educ.	Chic'go Seminary	Univ. Stud. Work	Jewish Miss'ns	Germ'n Home Miss'ns	Inner Miss'ns	Miscellaneous	Totals
St. John's, Minneapolis	$32 00	$19 28	$49 50	$145 30	$69 80	$29 00	$11 60	$11 70	$112 00	$29 00	$8 70	$5 20	$5 80	.....	$529 48
Reformation, St. Paul	41 00	27 48	37 00	180 00	49 20	37 20	.....	.....	10 00	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	403 88
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	16 20	7 12	27 00	74 77	35 66	16 20	5 90	5 90	44 00	14 70	4 40	2 90	2 90	.....	257 65
St. Paul's, Red Wing	28 40	21 76	30 00	47 34	22 50	7 50	.....	.....	160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318 00
Salem, Minneapolis	30 90	18 42	50 00	140 40	67 40	28 10	15 00	11 20	98 00	28 10	8 40	5 60	5 60	.....	507 12
St. John's, Duluth	11 60	9 49	17 80	32 38	30 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 27
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	19 10	2 95	6 20	18 20	8 70	3 60	1 50	1 50	97 00	3 60	1 20	70	70	8 52	173 47
St. Luke's, Goodhue	8 00	.....	.....	19 25	13 30	5 00	2 00	.....	65 50	5 00	2 20	1 08	1 50	.....	122 83
First, Cannon Falls	6 40	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	1 14	.....	1 00	.....	19 74
Redeemer, Zumbrota	6 00	.....	.....	13 40	25 81	20 00	.....	.....	19 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 41
Trinity, Lindstrom	12 70	.....	.....	29 26	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	48 07	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	109 03
St. John's, Stacy	2 20	1 83	3 50	10 20	5 00	2 00	80	80	11 10	2 00	60	40	40	.....	40 83
St. Mark's Minneapolis	24 20	12 96	35 02	106 00	53 00	22 00	8 50	8 80	83 00	22 00	6 60	4 40	.....	.....	368 48
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	14 90	7 63	23 10	67 80	37 12	13 60	5 40	5 40	65 50	13 60	4 10	2 70	2 70	1 75	265 30
Salem, Albert Lea	8 40	.....	13 00	38 30	18 50	7 70	3 00	3 00	23 00	7 70	2 30	1 50	1 50	.....	127 90
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	4 80	.....	7 40	21 90	10 50	4 40	1 70	1 70	13 10	4 40	1 30	90	90	.....	73 00
Redeemer, Minneapolis	8 00	4 27	.....	36 50	29 90	7 30	2 90	2 90	124 00	7 30	2 20	1 50	1 50	.....	228 27
Redeemer, Milwaukee	33 70	13 91	31 20	153 30	73 50	25 44	12 30	12 30	190 40	80 70	9 20	6 10	6 10	.....	648 15
Holy Communion, Racine	30 70	9 76	47 40	139 40	66 90	27 90	11 10	11 10	95 60	27 90	8 40	5 60	5 60	.....	487 36
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	11 20	3 04	43 62	50 40	4 09	4 50	10 00	2 85	16 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 25
Grace, Kenosha	10 00	.....	31 40	25 00	20 00	10 00	7 40	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 30
First, Platteville	16 90	1 39	13 44	15 34	.....	5 00	.....	.....	67 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119 57
St. Peter's, Janesville	14 00	.....	21 70	63 90	30 60	12 80	5 10	5 10	158 25	12 80	3 80	2 50	2 50	5 79	338 84
Advent, Cedarburg	6 20	.....	9 60	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 80
Epiphany, Milwaukee	30 50	.....	47 20	138 70	66 60	27 70	11 10	11 10	136 60	27 70	3 30	5 50	5 50	.....	566 50
Atonement, Beloit	6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 25
Holy Trinity, Superior	7 50	02	11 50	33 90	16 30	6 80	2 70	2 70	16 30	6 80	2 00	1 40	1 40	.....	109 32
Holy Trinity, Madison	10 10	.....	14 00	15 80	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....	9 20	1 50	.....	.....	.....	53 70
St. Paul's, Waterloo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50
St John's, Oshkosh	6 99	.....	10 75	39 30	14 88	6 33	2 56	2 55	32 96	6 33	1 82	1 23	1 23	.....	126 93
Reformation, Milwaukee	29 70	.....	45 90	135 00	64 80	27 00	10 80	10 80	77 66	27 00	8 10	5 40	5 40	25 00	472 56
First, Middleton	3 50	2 83	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 50	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 23
Holy Trinity, Afton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atonement, Racine	.....	.....	25 60	50 00	.....	.....	9 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00
Lake Park, Milwaukee	4 00	.....	6 20	32 64	10 55	3 60	1 50	1 50	11 00	3 60	1 10	70	70	36 70	113 79
St. Paul's, Neenah	4 80	3 95	5 00	16 00	5 00	2 80	70	1 70	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 95
Holy Trinity, Marshall	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
St. Mark's, Fargo	23 30	.....	36 00	105 90	33 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	185 00	11 70	5 00	4 00	4 00	.....	430 90
Redeemer, Livingston	4 00	3 29	6 20	28 20	8 70	3 60	1 50	1 50	10 90	3 60	1 10	70	70	.....	73 99
First, Winnipeg	6 00	4 84	9 30	27 30	13 10	5 50	2 20	2 20	16 50	5 50	1 60	1 10	1 10	.....	96 34
W. H. & F. M. S. C Conf	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
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Joint Council Com. Milw Churches	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 95	74 95
	$534 29	$176 32	$730 83	$2380 21	$914 41	$434 57	$156 96	$127 30	$2206 54	$402 33	$36 06	$62 71	$59 73	$152 71	$8434 97

The Rev. G. H. Schnur presented the

REPORT OF THE LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

Your Liturgical Committee report that we have arranged the liturgical portion of the synodical program as printed.

We rejoice that the Synod is progressing in the liturgical rendering of its services, and hope that in the near future it will be a model in this respect as well as in others.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SCHNUR,
LUTHER B. DECK,
E. O. HOFFMEISTER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The printed program, prepared by the officers of Synod, was adopted as the official program of Synod.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers the Revs. W. C. Stump and C. J. Rockey.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—REV. A. F. ELMQUIST, PH.D.
Secretary—REV. G. KELLER RUBRECHT.
Treasurer—J. K. JENSEN.

Synod took a recess until 4:30 P. M., when the President announced the following:

COMMITTEES.

President's Report—Revs. F. E. Cooper, C. P. Weiskotten, L. B. Deck, C. J. Rockey, P. E. Baisler; Messrs. Chas. G. Schumann, G. E. Redmond.

Conferences—Revs. G. H. Trabert, D.D., J. Sander, L.H.D., W. P. Christy, W. H. Gable; Mr. Jno. Overson.

Reception of Congregations—Revs. Jas. F. Beates, H. K. Gebhart, E. O. Hoffmeister; Messrs. Louis Anderson, L. A. Anderson, O. F. Lindstrom, J. T. Janssen, Russel Nelson.

Apportionment—Revs. H. R. Gold, W. S. Ulrich, L. W. Steckel; Messrs. Gorham Carlson, L. A. Anderson, L. P. Rassmussen.

Excuse—Revs. W. C. Stump, C. C. Roth, Jno. S. Albert; Messrs. A. A. Miller, LeRoy Nielsen.

Auditing—Messrs. O. H. Adler, E. H. Koepke, Henry Schambow.

Seminary—Revs. F. E. Cooper, Wm. F. Bacher; Messrs. J. K. Jensen, H. F. Mueller.

Press—Revs. W. K. Frick, D.D., J. F. Fedders.

The Rev. L. B. Deck presented the

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

The officers of the Central Conference beg leave to present the following report for the year:

Two regular meetings have been held since the last report was rendered.

The annual meeting was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn., May 20, 1913, at which time the Rev. James F. Beates was elected President, the Rev. Luther B. Deck, Secretary-Treasurer, and Senator V. L. Johnson, lay-member of the Executive Committee. The President was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of Conference for the Revs. G. H. Trabert, D.D., George H. Schnur and Luther B. Deck as Mission Committee of Conference.

The Fall Convention was held October 7th and 8th, 1913, in St. Mark's Church, Fargo, North Dakota, the Rev. Wm. S. Ulrich, Pastor. The President of Conference preached the opening sermon, and the Lord's Supper was administered to the thirteen clerical and three lay delegates present. All the congregations of Conference were reported being supplied with the Means of Grace, either by regular pastors or supplies. Some time was spent in discussing the mission problem, which resulted in the adoption of the recommendation of the Mission Committee that every congregation make a systematic every-member canvass for weekly individual pledges to benevolence, the same to be secured by a special committee, elected by the Church Council, at the conclusion of a series of sermons on the need of the world, and especially of our own land for the gospel. The President of Synod was also requested to urge upon the Home Mission Board at its next meeting the necessity of securing at least two additional Field Missionaries for the extensive territory of Conference, one to work in the Northwest Provinces of Canada and the other to work in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Addresses and papers were presented on the following subjects: "Every-Member Canvass", "Exegetical Study of Ephesians 6: 10-20", "The General Council Convention", "Can the Lutheran Church join the Federation of Churches", "Augsburg Confession Article XV", "Religious Situation Abroad", "The Church and Socialism", and "Oversight of the Churches".

In connection with the last named paper a committee was appointed to draw up suitable rules and regulations. Their report presented at the last session was adopted, and is hereby presented in full:

"Your Committee charged by Conference with the duty of drawing up certain rules and regulations on the matter of Oversight of Pastors and Congregations and proper pastoral observance of the constitution of Synod on this point, with the view of having the same acted upon by Synod at its next convention, presents the following:

1. It is the opinion of this Conference that the subject of Oversight of both ministers and congregations should receive more attention than has hitherto been the case.

2. By Oversight is meant the proper supervision of the churches, with a view to the highest possible efficiency of church life in all the congregations.

3. The spirit animating the work should be that of fraternal consultation and co-operation with the pastor and the Church Council, and all censoriousness as well as unnecessary prying into details should be avoided.

4. We further recommend that Synod adopt a series of questions similar to the following as a guide to the President, pastors and congregations.

"A"—Questions to Ordained Ministers.

(1) Number of congregations served and number of services held in each.
(2) Purity of doctrine and proper administration of the Sacraments.
(3) Observance of the Church Year.
(4) Pastoral Work.
(5) The keeping and preservation of Church Records.
(6) Difficulties and hindrances to pastoral success.
(7) Engagement in occupations other than the ministry.

"B"—Questions to Church Councils.

(1) Title to Church property and its security.
(2) Observance of state laws concerning public assemblies, etc.
(3) Financial methods for support of pastor, schools, music, etc.
(4) Financial methods for synodical apportionments and other benevolences.
(5) Congregational government with examination of deed, charter and constitution of congregation.
(6) Relation of societies to the congregation.
(7) Relation of congregation to Synod and its institutions and to the General Council with its activities.
(8) Christian training of the young.
(9) Circulation of Lutheran literature.

It was the judgment of your committee that the above be considered, not as the exact wording of specific questions, but the topics on which specific questions should be asked, and that all questions based on these topics should be from the evangelical rather than the legalistic standpoint.

5. That we regard it as irregular for any pastor, when leaving a congregation, to recommend a successor without first consulting the President of the Synod and asking his opinion and securing his concent. We regard it also as an irregularity for any pastor entering upon parish duties to arrange for his installation without first reporting to the President of Synod and asking him to arrange for such installation."

JAMES F. BEATES, President
LUTHER B. DECK, Secretary.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Conferences.

The Rev. J. F. Fedders presented the

REPORT OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

The Eastern Conference respectfully submits the following report:

Three regular meetings were held since the last report was rendered to Synod.

At the Annual Meeting, May 20th, 1913, held in connection with the meeting of Synod at Zumbrota, Minnesota, the Rev. H. K. Gebhart, presiding, the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. F. E. Cooper.
Sec'y-Treasurer—Rev. L. W. Steckel.
Member of the Synodical Executive Committee—Mr. George Hemsing.

The following were elected to the Conference Mission Committee: Revs. G. K. Rubrecht, A. J. Holl, W. K. Frick, D.D.

The twenty-first semi-annual meeting (Fall Conference) was held Oct. 20-23, in the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Rev. C. A. Naumann, pastor. The Rev. L. W. Steckel preached the Communion Sermon, using for his text Isaiah 40:9. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday were given over to the Women's Missionary Society. On Wednesday evening, the President of Synod, the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., installed the new pastor of the Church of the Reformation, the Rev. C. A. Naumann. Dr. Frick delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. P. W. Roth the charge to the congregation. Thursday was Sunday School Day. The President's Report showed prgoress in all the congregations of Conference. The President suggested the grouping of parishes for a co-operative observance of Home Mission Week. Conference voiced its appreciation of the splendid services the Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., has given to Chicago Theological Seminary. By resolution it also approved the selection of the Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., as Acting President of the Seminary.

The program included the following subjects of timely interest: "Lessons of the First Three Years' Experience in the Ministry," "The General Council at Toledo," "With Christ through the Holy Land," "Meditations on the Three Articles of the Creed."

The Rev. Luther Hogshead, Western Superintendent of Home Missions, addressed Conference on "The Home Mission Situation in the Church."

The twenty-second semi-annual meeting (Spring Conference) was held April 20-22, in St. Paul's Church, Neenah, Wisconsin, the Rev. A. J. Sommer, pastor. The Communion Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. P. Christy, of La Crosse, on "The Conservation of Our Faith."

Owing to the removal of the Rev. L. W. Steckel outside the bounds of Conference, the Rev. J. F. Fedders was appointed Secretary pro tem by the President, and was formally elected at this session of Conference.

A Committee on Digest of Conference Proceedings reported a plan to conserve the work of Conference for the better informational use of our people. The Secretary was authorized to prepare and distribute a 1,500 word "Digest of the Proceedings and Important Actions of Conference."

The President rendered a glowing report of the state of the Churches. A marked progressiveness is notable. Five parishes are contemplating new homes of worship. The Church of the Redeemer will soon take rank with other Grand Avenue churches in Milwaukee.

Conference recognized by suitable resolution the induction of the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten as Field Missionary for Wisconsin. The Missionary spirit is thoroughly alive, and to make it practical and productive the Mission Committee was given greater scope and power in dealing with all the congregations.

The following important resolutions were adopted:

1. "That inasmuch as the Eastern Conference is limited to the State of Wisconsin, and is meant to cover it, Synod be memorialized to change the name from the indefinite 'Eastern Conference' to the descriptive 'Wisconsin Conference'."

2. "That we recommend to Synod that the Synodical year 1915 be set aside for increasing the Endowment Fund of our Seminary at Maywood.

3. That Conference memorialize Synod to make an apportionment for Luther Memorial Church.

4. That in view of local conditions the Home Mission Board be again requested to begin work as soon as possible in Milwaukee through the Wisconsin Field Missionary, the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.

The central theme of this Conference was "Conservation". Papers and addresses were presented as follows:

"The Conservation of Our Catechumens."
"Conservation through Co-operation at the State Universiy."
"The Conservation of Apostolic Practice in Church Finance."

"The Conservation of the Christian Home."
"The Conservation of Christian Education."
"The Conservation of Our Distinctive Doctrines."
"The Conservation of Our Distinctive Practices."
"The Conservation of Our Home Mission Resources."
"What the Lutheran Church is Doing for Her Imperiled Children."

F. E. COOPER, President.
J. F. FEDDERS, Secretary.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Conferences.

Synod adjourned with the singing of Hymn 58, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, June 10, 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert conducted the Matin service.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of the First Session were read and approved.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Ministerium the following pastors were received into Synod:

REV. C. A. NAUMANN.
REV. A. J. SOMMER.
REV. CHAS. GAUGER.

The brethren were formally presented by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., and heartily welcomed by the President.

The following candidates were received for ordination:

CHARLES LUTZ GRANT.
HARRISON CLEVELAND REX.
FRED ROTH WEBBER.

The Rev. J. F. Beates formally presented the candidates and the President welcomed them with well chosen words.

Synod listened to a paper by the Rev. Wm. Eckert, General Secretary of the Chicago Theological Seminary, on "Christian Education in the United States."

The paper elicited considerable discussion.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Eckert's paper be referred to the Committee on College and Preparatory Schools.

Resolved, Furthermore that the portion of the President's Report pertaining to the problem of education be referred to the same Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the College Committee consider the question of our Synod's seconding the effort of the Wisconsin Christian colleges to maintain their existence over against the advancing Normal Schools.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the matter of beneficiary aid for students be considered by the Executive Committee of Synod and a report rendered at this Convention of Synod.

The Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., General Secretary of the Church Extension Society, addressed the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1913-1914.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

Your Board held its first meeting of the Synodical year on June 2, 1913, in the Study of Salem church, Minneapolis, and re-elected the former officers, viz., President, Judge Andrew Holt; Secretary, Dr. George H. Trabert; and Treasurer, Mr. Otto Monson. The principal business was to arrange to carry out the recommendations made by the Synod at its last convention with respect to the investment of the money under its control, and also for the securing of a safety deposit box, and for the Treasurer to give the desired bond of $1,000.00 for the faithful discharge of his duties (see page 54, minutes of 1912). The Treasurer was also instructed to secure a first mortgage on farm property for $1,000.00.

At a meeting of the Board held on June 2, 1914, in the office of the Treasurer in the Germania Life Insurance Building, St. Paul, the Treasurer, Mr. Otto Monson, rendered his report for the year, which report was subsequently audited by the committee appointed by this body last year. A summary of this report is appended, to be published in the minutes. While more pastors and congregations sent in their

quota before the close of the books of the Treasurer, so that the income is considerably more than was reported last year, it is to be regretted that there were still a few delinquent, but who will no doubt respond later. It is very desirable that all the moneys be in before the meeting of the Synod so that all can be at once invested and draw interest.

During the year one of the members of the Board died, Fred Swanson, of Red Wing, Minn. His place was filled by the Board by the election of the Rev. James F. Beates, of St. Paul. It is necessary that this election be ratified by the Synod.

The term of Otto Monson and of G. H. Trabert expires with this meeting. As the Hon. C. A. Smith is now a member of a congregation of the Pacific Synod he naturally ceases to be a member of this Board, and his place should be filled by the election of some one for the unexpired term. There are, therefore, four members of the Board to be elected at this meeting.

Attention is also called to the fact that in the printing of the Rules last year, the change to be made in Rule 10, viz., adding the words after "fund", in the second line, "in approved bonds or other first mortgage securities" was omitted, (see Minutes for 1913, page 78). The Rules should, therefore, again be printed as corrected.

The following congregations responded before the close of the Treasurer's books, viz:

FROM THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, Minn.
The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Can.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
The Church of the Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Superior, Wis.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mon.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minn.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn.
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn.
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Duluth, for 1912-1913.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stacy, Minn.
St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Goodhue, Minn.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, N. St. Paul, 1912-1913.
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lindstrom, Minn.

FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middleton, Wis.
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Platteville, Wis., 1912-1913.
Holy Communion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis., 1912-1913.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wis., 1912.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Janesville, Wis., 1912-1913.
Lake Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The following congregations failed to respond before the books were closed, viz:

Atonement, Beloit; Atonement, Racine; Grace, Kenosha; Holy Trinity, Afton; Holy Trinity, La Crosse, for 1913; Reformation, Milwaukee; St. John's, Stacy, for 1913; St. Paul's, Red Wing; St. Paul's, Waterloo.

The following ministers have paid their quota:

Rev. J. S. Albert.
Rev. W. F. Bacher.
Rev. P. E. Baisler.
Rev. Willis Beck.
Rev. James F. Beates.
Rev. W. P. Christy.
Rev. F. E. Cooper.
Rev. Luther B. Deck.
Rev. Wm. Eckert.
Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D.
Rev. John F. Fedders.
Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.
Rev. W. H. Gable.
Rev. Howard R. Gold.
Rev. L. F. Gruber.
Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D.
Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister.
Rev. A. J. Holl.
Rev. F. W. Klingensmith.
Rev. C. J. Rocky.
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht.
Rev. John Sander, L.H.D.
Rev. G. H. Schnur.
Rev. L. W. Steckel.
Rev. Wm. C. Stump.
Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

The following failed to report before the close of the books:

Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. W. F. Rex, Rev. Howard R. Gold for 1913, Rev. Carl C. Roth, Rev. Theo. F. Weiskotten, and Rev. A. J. Holl for 1913.

The whole amount received from congregations during the year was $437.64; and from ministers, $194.50; a total of $632.15; or $236.19 more than the previous year. It shows that the congregations and pastors are becoming more interested in this important fund.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. TRABERT, Secretary.

Before rendering the above report St. Mark's, Fargo, and Revs. W. S. Ulrich, C. P. Weiskotten and E. O. Hoffmeister for 1913, handed their quota to the Secretary.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORT OF MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 663.46
Congregations		437.64
Ministers		194.50
Interest on $4,500 C. A. Smith Timber Co. bonds, 1 yr.		270.00
Interest on farm mortgage		31.50
Interest on C. A. Smith Note for $5,500		495.00
		$ 2,092.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense items	$4.25	
Treasurer's bond	2.50	
Safety deposit box	4.00	
		$ 10.75
Farm mortgage		1,000.00
Accrued interest on same		16.00
Cash on hand		1,065.35
		$ 2,092.10

TOTAL ASSETS.

Cash	$1,065.35
C. A. Smith timber bonds	4,500.00
Accrued interest on same 3½ months	90.00
Mr. C. A. Smith's note	5,500.00
Accrued interest on same to date	165.00
Farm mortgage	1,000.00
Accrued interest on same	35.00
	$12,355.35

After the reading of the report of the Committee on Audit, appointed at the last convention of Synod, which follows, the report was received and adopted.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 3, 1914.

TO THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:

We have audited the books of Mr. Otto Monson, Treasurer of the Board of Control for the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Northwest, for the two years ending June 1st, 1914, and found them correct and agreeing with his report to

Synod dated June 1st, 1914; and we also found the funds and securities as stated in said report, together with surety bond for $1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. F. SMITH,
E. E. ERICKSON,
Committee

The Rev. W. L. Steckel presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' AID FUND.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

Brethren:—Your Committee, appointed at the last session to "keep alive the interest in the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund", beg leave to report that the committee has written all congregations and pastors in arrears. Many have paid up in full and renewed interest is manifest.

We would recommend that a committee be appointed to continue this work this year, and that the Presidents of Conferences lay upon the hearts of pastors and congregations the necessity of prompt payment to this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER B. DECK,
L. W. STECKEL,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Dear Brethren:—The work in this fruitful portion of our mission field has gone forward with commendable progress in almost all our missions.

The Rev. C. J. Rockey notified us that after May 1st, that faithful band, where he has so acceptably served, would assume the entire support of the work. They expressed high appreciation for the assistance of the Board and its agents.

The Men's League of the Church of the Reformation, whose work had been pushed forward with such energy by the Rev. C. A. Naumann, sent us a telegram, voicing gratitude for past favors and the determination to carry their burdens alone after June 1st.

Lake Park Mission, under the Rev. F. E. Cooper, has had substantial growth and erected one of the finest churches in Milwaukee.

The new mission at Neenah has secured for itself both a church building and parsonage.

The Atonement Mission, Beloit, made vacant through the resignation of Rev. Krumweide, has been acceptably served by Student F. R. Webber, of the Chicago Seminary, who will take full charge of the work after his ordination.

The Rev. L. B. Deck has been successfully caring for Holy Communion Mission, Minneapolis, and the mission begins under its first permanent missionary, the Rev. Charles Gauger, by the paying of $600 toward the salary.

St. John's, Duluth, much disorganized and discouraged, has taken new courage under the ministry of the Rev. W. F. Bacher, and the Board has appropriated $300 per year toward its support.

The Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, besides looking after the work at Livingston, Montana, has spent several months in the east, making known to our people the peculiar conditions and growing importance of the work of the West, and secured funds toward placing a Field Missionary in Montana.

The Rev. C. P. Weiskotten also spent some time among his friends in Philadelphia, and secured the major portion of a fund sufficient to place a Field Missionary in Wisconsin. The Board insisted on his accepting the position for which we had sought the means and the man for years in vain. He responded to the call of duty and has been dividing his efforts to carry out the recommendations of the Synodical and General Boards to make such adjustment as to give promise of a self-sustaining parish in a reasonable time in Cedarburg and vicinity.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE MISSIONS.

CITY.	Congregation.	Organized	Pastor.	Members 1913	Members 1914	Amount Paid
Winnipeg, Can..	First.....	1905	P. E. Baisler.....	112	147	$949 92
Superior, Wis....	Holy Trinity.....	1905	W. H. Gable.....	135	155	600 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Lake Park.....	1911	F. E. Cooper.....	50	121	1200 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Reformation.....	1908	C. A Naumann....	448	441	849 92
Racine, Wis.....	Atonement	1909	W. F. Rex.....	237	253	249 96
Beloit, Wis.....	Atonement	1905	F. R. Webber.....	154	162	366 64
Madison, Wis....	Holy Trinity.....	1907	H. R. Gold.....	150	132	175 01
Cedarburg, Wis..	Advent	1904	C. P. Weiskotten..	79	82	185 88
Minne'olis, Minn.	Holy Communion	1909	Charles Gauger....	77	170	.....
Neenah, Wis.....	St. Paul.....	1913	A. J. Sommer.....	59	82	399 96
Duluth, Minn....	St. John's.....	1890	W. F. Bacher.....	171	185	200 00
Livingston, Mont	Redeemer.....	1906	F. W. Klingensmith	58	50	874 92
				1730	1903	$5552 16

SUMMARY.

Salaries of missionaries as above	$5,552.16
Salaries of misionaries of missions, now self-sustaining	249.96
Salaries of Field Missionaries	1,500.00
Expenses of Field Missionaries	55.52
Supplies and expenses	637.59
	$7,995.23
Amount received from the Synod, on apportionment	$1,750.92

NOTE.—Before closing the books, the Treasurer of Synod paid an additional instalment to the Home Mission Treasurer bringing the total amount up to $2,455.16.

We ask that the Synod make a more strenuous effort to secure for our Board the apportionment of $3,000 as the minimum for the coming year.

1. We would acknowledge with thanks the uniform courtesy extended to us and the kind co-operation on the part of the officers of Synod and Conferences, of the Conference mission committees and the Synodical Board, in the conduct of the work. All have been careful to avoid infringing upon the prerogatives of their fellow workers, and have had the good sense not to quibble over slight technicalities which have been sometimes unintentionally overlooked. As we attain to a better understanding of our various functions, friction gives way to harmonious co-operation.

2. We are again confronted with a deficit in the apportionment, and by an inability to do justice to the work of English Home Missions. We therefore submit the following:

"*Whereas*, The report of the Treasurer of the Board, submitted May 13, 1914, shows that the Synods, with the exception of the Chicago Synod, have failed to meet their English Home Mission apportionment asked by the General Council, the deficit being $22,720.55; and

Whereas, The full apportionment is the minimum which the Board requires to adequately cultivate the great fields in the United States and Canada; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the mission congregations under the care of the Board be urged to discharge their obligation of apportionment to all the causes of the Synod and General Council.

Resolved, That we call the attention of the congregations to the resolution found on page 189 of the (1913) Minutes of the General Council, Section 2:

"*Resolved*, That the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America endorses and recommends for adoption by Synods, Conferences, and Congregations, the sound business principle, that all apportionments regularly adopted by the General Council and

its Synods should be considered a business, moral and Christian obligation, and be duly met in full. And be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Council mail a copy of these resolutions to the several Synods of the General Council, with the request that the same be transmitted to each congregation."

3. In order to enlist as fully as possible the interest and co-operation of the entire membership of our congregation in the local and general work of the Church we ask the Synod to commend the every-member canvas to be undertaken during the present fiscal year in each of its congregations.

We are convinced that this could be successfully done by entrusting the work to the Synodical Home Mission Board, the Conference Mission Committees, and the Committees of the congregations.

A. C. ALBRECHT,
Secretary.

The report was received and made the first order of business for the afternoon.

Synod adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. John S. Albert.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of the Second Session were read and approved.

The Rev. W. D. Cox, of Milwaukee, Wis., Field Secretary of the Wisconsin Sunday Rest Day Association, addressed the Synod in the interest of a better observance of the Lord's Day.

The report of the English Home Mission Board was taken up for consideration. Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Apportionment. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The report was finally received at the Sixth Session, and the Secretary ordered to spread it upon the Minutes.

The Rev. P. W. Roth presented the report of

THE COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE ON HOME FINDING ASSOCIATION FOR ORPHANS.

Your committee appointed by Synod a year ago to enlist the co-operation of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, and the Wisconsin District of the Iowa Synod, in the establishment of a Home Finding Association for Orphans, with a receiving station at Milwaukee, Wis., submits the following report:

The co-operation of the above mentioned parties was sought, and elicited the following letter:

To the Secretary of the Synod of the Northwest:

Rev. and Dear Brother:—Complying with your request to submit the action of your honorable body, relative to the establishment of a Children's Home Finding Society, to the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, I brought this matter before our Board of Managers at the last annual meeting in August, 1913.

The Board was pleased to hear of the contemplated work, whose receiving station is to be Milwaukee. This no doubt means the Deaconess Motherhouse or the Milwaukee Hospital. The Board will be pleased to give this matter its careful consideration, and requests, therefore, more specific statements in which manner the Children's Home Finding Association is to be organized, supported and managed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Managers will be held in June, about the 24th, and I shall be pleased to submit any further propositions of your honorable body to its consideration, and I believe I can assure you of its cheerful co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) HERM. L. FRITSCHEL,
President.

The committee was empowered to draft and submit a constitution and by-laws for ratification at this convention of Synod. We have in hand a model constitution, but in view of the fact that we desire to secure the fullest co-operation of the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse, its management should be given a share in drawing up the articles governing the Association and a voice and vote in determining how the Association shall be organized, managed and supported; furthermore, to secure the actual interest and co-operation of our laymen and the women of our Synodical missionary societies we offer the following plan for launching this organization:

1. That the President of Synod be empowered to appoint an Organizing Committee, to consist of three pastors from the Synod, two laymen, and two women from the Conference Missionary Societies, and the Rector and Directing Sister of the Deaconess Motherhouse to draw up governing articles, and to submit their work for final ratification by the Synod and the Board of Managers of the Protestant Deaconess Association.

2. That the Synod defray the necessary expense incurred in perfecting this organization to the extent of $100.

3. That the Synod will encourage the presentation of this worthy cause and the solicitation of support in the way of contributions.

G. K. RUBRECHT,
P. W. ROTH,
CARL MILLER,
Committee.

The report was received for consideration. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Apportionment. The report was finally adopted at the Fourth Session.

The Rev. H. R. Gold presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT,

which was considered item by item. After considerable discussion, and a number of changes made by the recommendation of Synod, the report was adopted in the following form:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Synodical Expense	$ 560
Chicago Seminary	1,500
Ministerial Education	200
Home Missions	3,000
Church Extension	900
Foreign Missions	1,300
Porto Rico Missions	500
Slav Missions	250
University Student Work	500
German Home Missions	100
Jewish Missions	150
Inner Missions	200
Luther Memorial Church	500
Totals	$9,560

Note.—This item includes $160 to be paid into the Treasury of the General Council.

Note.—This Apportionment was made because of the institutional features of the work carried on by Luther Memorial at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison.

H. R. GOLD,
W. S. ULRICH,
L. W. STECKEL,
L. A. ANDERSON,
L. P. RASMUSSEN,
GORMAN CARLSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. L. A. Anderson presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

Your Committee on Reception of Congregations begs leave to report that it has examined the Constitution of Faith English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Paul, Minn., and finds that said Constitution is in harmony with the Constitutions of similar congregations generally, as well as that of the Synod.

The Committee recommends unanimously that the congregation be received into the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. BEATES, Chairman,
L. A. ANDERSON, Secretary,
LOUIS ANDERSON,
H. K. GEBHART,
RUSSELL C. NELSON,
O. F. LINDSTROM,
E. O. HOFFMEISTER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Time for the Special Order of the day having arrived, Synod listened with pleasure to a paper on "Lutheran Church Architecture" by the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur.

A general discussion followed.

Synod adjourned, with the Rev. L. F. Gruber leading in prayer.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, June 11, 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. Dr. J. Sander conducted the Matin service.

The Roll was called and the Minutes read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Trabert presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITIEE ON HOME FINDING ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

To the English Synod of the Northwest:

Your Committee begs leave to report that nothing has been done with reference to finding homes for orphans, or towards establishing a home; for the reason that the Lutheran Hospice of Minneapolis is engaged in such work, and can serve our interests fully.

Your Committee recommends that the Treasurer of Synod shall be instructed that all funds contributed from the Central Conference shall be under the control of the Inner Mission Committee of that Conference, to be expended as directed by the Committee.

G. H. TRABERT,
G. H. SCHNUR,
C. J. ROCKEY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Home Finding Association of the Eastern Conference was finally adopted.

The Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick presented the

REPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT MAYWOOD.

The twenty-third year of the Seminary, and the fourth year of its location at Maywood, saw a larger number of students in residence, namely, forty-five, among them five from the Northwest, but only one, Dr. Haupt's son, from our Synod. At the recent Commencement, the Rev. Dr. Trabert preached the Baccalaureate Sermon, and the address was delivered by the Rev. F. E. Cooper. There were eight graduates, and the degree of B.D. was conferred on four others for post-graduate work in the correspondence school. This appears as a small class, but when we consider that the foreign speaking students take courses with us up to the last year, and then enter a Seminary of their own Synod it is evident that we are giving the larger part of the instruction and the other seminaries are honored with graduating these students. It is noteworthy that the above list includes not only native Americans and candidates for English pulpits (three in our Synod), but also men who use German, Danish, Icelandic, Yiddish and Slavonic. This is typical of the work which the Seminary has always been doing. Studying together its students will not only learn to know one another, but to appreciate the many-sided activities of our American Lutheran Church.

We would call attention to the satisfactory and harmonious readjustment of the management of the Seminary in separating the

financial from the academic department. Dr. Weidner's resignation as President had to be be accepted, but thank God, he has been able to continue his class-room work with greater vigor. He is now President-Emeritus. The Board made the Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Acting President, under whom the work of the past year, as the Board gratefully notes, went forward with great acceptance to Board and students, and Dr. Krauss was continued in the Acting-Presidency. The Board was increased from thirteen to fifteen, Mr. J. K. Jensen of our Synod being one of the added members.

Treasurer Jensen reports the amount paid Seminary by our Synod up to May 1st, $2,206.54. The amounts of the two preceding years, $1,061.50 and $1,920.50.

The Board, at its last meeting, enlarged and strengthened the faculty by calling the Rev. Mr. H. B. Reed, to the chair of "Hebrew and Old Testament Literature". Rev. Reed is a graduate of our Seminary, the first and successful pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Chicago, and an acceptable instructor in the Seminary for nine years. The General Secretary, the Rev. Wm. Eckert, labored with diligence and success during his second year. His itinerary covered churches from Fargo to the heart of the Pittsburgh Synod. He made collections in thirty-two of the thirty-eight congregations of our Synod. Only three congregations failed to send something.

While no large legacies have been received into the current expense fund, still many friends have been added to our list, and enough money has been collected to more nearly meet the expenses than in many years. The apportionments now made by the three Synods most vitally interested does not cover one-third of the expenses. This means that each congregation should pay its apportionment in full, and in addition permit the General Secretary to solicit as much more as he can to cover the two-thirds of the Seminary's expenses not now provided for. The Synod pledged itself to raise $50,000, as soon as possible, towards the endowment of a Chair. No steps have been taken to collect money to meet the offer of $25,000 given by Mr. C. A. Smith, formerly of Minneapolis. We hope the congregations will be in a better financial position next year to take hold of this matter with vigor.

The Students' Aid Fund of the Seminary assisted sixteen young men to the extent of $1,520. Students receiving aid from Synods are not assisted by the Seminary.

Three of this year's graduating class will come to the Northwest Synod, two go to the District Synod of Ohio, one to the Pittsburgh Synod, and two to the United Synod of the South.

The post-graduate course, begun in 1893, has been of great assistance to many of our busy pastors. The Board has ordered the faculty to reconstruct the whole course and make it more efficient. We urge pastors to take advantage of this department.

The Seminary Institute for Lutheran Sunday School Teachers, which met every Monday night during the winter, and studied Hunt's Lutheran Sunday-School Hand Book, with the Rev. Dr. Gerberding as instructor, at its closing meeting had 160 present, representing sev-

enteen Sunday schools. This institute has done much to bind the Seminary and the Chicago churches together. "For next year the Faculty will arrange for departments of the Institute, with a professor in charge of each department. It is our fond hope that some day this will grow into a Summer Bible and Normal School for Sunday school and Church workers, with a vacation school for Lutheran ministers."

In conclusion, we call attention to the fact that under the conditions of the General Council's plans, raising a Two Million Dollar Jubilee Fund by 1917, all special efforts for the endowment of educational institutions must be completed by the conclusion of next year.

W. K. FRICK,
F. E. COOPER,
J. K. JENSEN,
Committee.

The report was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

The Rev. Dr. Sander presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS.

After reading the Model Constitution for Congregations, as given in the Minutes of the Synod of 1889 (page 45), and the actions of Synod on this subject, as given in the Minutes of 1903 (page 31); 1906 (pages 63-64), and 1913 (page 52), and likewise having in possession a request from St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D., for a complete set of "By-Laws", your Committee begs leave to make the following report:

Article 1. No change.

Article 2. No change but that a paragraph be added to Section 2, as follows: "Should this congregation decide to change its Synodical connection the President of the Synod shall immediately be notified and the congregation shall proceed as required by the Synodical Constitution." (Min. 1906, page 63.)

Article 3. No change, but that the following sentence be added to Section 1: "All cases of application for admission to membership, including catechumens for confirmation, shall be acted upon by the Church Council."

Article 4. Sec. 3, second paragraph, and Article XI, Sec. 1, to be amended to read: "One candidate shall be nominated at one time, to be voted for or against by ballot, at a congregational meeting duly called, and a two-thirds vote of the legal voters present shall be necessary to an election." (Min. 1906, page 64.)

Article 5. No change, but to Sec. 3 be added the words: "and be Ex-officio the trustees required by law."

Article 6. To remain intact.

Article 7. Sec. 1 to remain intact.

Sec. 2. Insert after the word "reports" the words "in writing", so as to read: "At the annual meeting reports in writing shall be presented by the pastor," etc.

Sec. 3. Last sentence to read thus: "The time, place and object of the meeting must be announced at the public service on at least two Sundays previous to the day of such meeting." (Min. 1906, page 63.)

Sec. 4. Voters.—"Communicant members not under church censure, who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation as God prospers them, and who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age shall be entitled to vote." (Min. 1906, page 63.)

Sec. 5. "In voting on the question of withdrawal from Synod, or on the election or resignation of a pastor, or on a question involving the purchase, sale or encumbrance of property, a list of the legal voters shall be called and tellers shall collect their ballots. If anyone has good reason to doubt the right of a member to vote, he may challenge the right as soon as the name is called, and the vote shall not be accepted until the voter's right be determined." (Min. 1906, page 64, and 1907, page 45.)

Article 8. To remain intact

Article 9. To remain intact

Article 10. To remain intact

Article 11. To remain intact, except last clause of Sec. 1 is to be changed to read: "And receive a two-thirds vote of the legal voters present." (Min. 1906, page 64.) Section 2 to remain intact.

JOHN SANDER,
L. F. GRUBER,
J. F. BEATES,
Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this report be spread upon the Minutes, and the Committee be continued, with instructions to effect, in addition, a stylistic revision of the Model Constitution, and in response to the petition of St. Mark's, Fargo, Church Council, to prepare Model By-Laws, presenting their work (through the Synodical Secretary) in proof (one hundred copies) furnishing the pastors two copies each, two weeks prior to the next Convention.

The Rev. L. Franklin Gruber presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Number of congregations.....40
Number of pastors.....31
Number of church buildings.....34
Number of additional lots purchased..... 6
Number of parsonages..... 6

The detailed parochial statistics are comprised under the following heads, for which see tables:

I. Membership—pages 72-73.

II. Finances—pages 74-75.

III. Organizations—pages 76-77.

These statistics may be summarized as follows:

I. Membership.

		GAIN
Catechumens	957	15
Students for the ministry	10	2
Number communed	7076	629
Number in good standing	7255	391
Confirmed members at date of last report		9,449

ACCESSIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Infant baptism	612	
By adult baptism	84	
By confirmation	702	
From Lutheran congregations	216	
By renewal of faith	483	
By restoration	79	
Total accessions		1,564

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR.

By death	54	
By transfer	224	
Otherwise	553	
Total losses		831
Net gain during the year		733
Present confirmed membership		10,173
Baptized children, not included in the above		7,170
Total baptized membership		17,343

Baptized membership at date last report	16,364
Gain in baptized membership	979

II. Finances.

		DECREASE	INCREASE
Congregational—			
Value of property	$628,325.00		$65,825.00
Indebtedness	235,213.00		23,800.00
Contributions—			
Current expenses	$ 57,562.95		$ 7,240.20
Extraordinary expenses	45,350.23	$1,919.71	
Total for local objects	$102,913.18	$1,919.71	$ 5,320.49
Benevolences—			
Synodical:			
Expenses of Synod	$ 515.03		$ 98.45
Traveling expenses	363.03	$ 182.71	
Ministerial relief	441.41		84.70
Chicago Seminary	2,086.58	359.47	
Ministerial education	131.34		.56
Inner missions	114.85		114.85
Totals	$ 3,652.23	$ 243.62	
General Council:			
Home missions	$ 2,282.99	$ 32.88	
Church extension	797.15		$ 36.00
Foreign missions	1,066.10	33.78	
Porto Rico missions	448.13		6.87
Slav missions	159.96		6.01
University Student Work	417.83	49.33	
German Home Missions	63.71		63.71
Jewish Missions	96.06		96.06
Totals	$ 5,331.43		$ 92.66
Other benevolences	$ 916.87	$ 272.71	
Total benevolence	$ 9,900.53	$ 423.67	
Grand total contributions	$112,813.71		$ 4,896.82
Average per member, total confirmed	11.09	$ 0.34	
Average per member, good standing	15.55	0.17	

III. Organizations.

		LOSS	GAIN
Sunday Schools—			
Number of schools	38		
Enrollment	7,672		634
Average attendance	4,552		251

		DECREASE	INCREASE
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 6,031.14	$ 384.90	
For benevolence	1,816.78		$ 7.56
Total	$ 7,847.92	$ 377.34	
Women's Societies—			
Number	38		
Enrollment	1,830		193
Average attendance	1,162		134
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 12,768.46		$ 198.10
For benevolence	1,248.42	$ 98.93	
Total	$ 14,016.88		$ 99.17
Young People's Societies—			
Number	32		
Enrollment	1,190		30
Average attendance	819		181
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 1,558.02		$ 463.14
For benevolence	156.70	$ 76.82	
Total	$ 1,714.72		$ 386.32
Men's Societies—			
Number	10		
Enrollment	384		122
Average attendance	226		45
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 374.30		$ 165.09
For benevolence	15.00		15.00
Total	$ 389.30		$ 180.09

Respectfully submitted,

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER,
LUTHER B. DECK,
W. S. ULRICH,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Trabert presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

Your Committee begs leave to report that the Central Conference adopted the following:

"Your Committee charged by Conference with the duty of drawing

up certain rules and regulations on the matter of Oversight of Pastors and Congregations and proper pastoral observance of the constitution of Synod on this point, with the view of having the same acted upon by Synod at its next convention, presents the following:

1. It is the opinion of this Conference that the subject of Oversight, of both ministers and congregations, should receive more attention than has hitherto been the case.

2. By Oversight is meant the proper supervision of the churches, with a view to the highest possible efficiency of church life in all the congregations.

3. The spirit animating the work should be that of fraternal consultation and co-operation with the pastor and the Church Council, and all censoriousness, as well as unnecessary prying into details should be avoided.

4. We further recommend that Synod adopt a series of questions similar to the following as a guide to the President, pastors, and congregations:

"A"—Questions to Ordained Ministers.

(1) Number of congregations served and number of services held in each.
(2) Purity of doctrine and proper administration of the Sacraments.
(3) Observance of the Church Year.
(4) Pastoral Work.
(5) The keeping and preservation of Church Records.
(6) Difficulties and hindrances to pastoral success.
(7) Engagement in occupations other than the minsitry.

"B"—Questions to Church Councils.

(1) Title to Church property and its security.
(2) Observance of State laws concerning public assemblies, etc.
(3) Financial methods for support of pastor, schools, music, etc.
(4) Financial methods for synodical apportionments and other benevolence.
(5) Congregational government with examination of deed, charter and constitution of congregation.
(6) Relation of societies to the congregation.
(7) Relation of congregation to Synod and its institutions and to the General Council with its activities.
(8) Christian training of the young.
(9) Circulation of Lutheran literature.

It was the judgment of your committee that the above be considered, not as the exact wording of specific questions but the topics on which specific questions should be asked; and that all questions based on these topics should be from the evangelical rather than the legalistic standpoint.

5. That we regard it as irregular for any pastor, when leaving a congregation to recommend a successor without first consulting the president of the Synod and asking his opinion and securing his consent. We regard it also as an irregularity for any pastor entering upon parish duties to arrange for his installation without first reporting to the president of Synod and asking him to arrange for such installation."

FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

We recommend:

That inasmuch as the "Eastern Conference" is limited to the state of Wisconsin and is meant to cover it, that the name be changed from the indefinite "Eastern Conference" to the descriptive "Wisconsin Conference."

That the Synodical year 1915 be set aside for the raising of Endowment Funds of our Seminary at Maywood.

That in view of local conditions the Home Mission Board be again requested to begin work as soon as possible in Milwaukee through the Wisconsin Field Missionary, the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.

G. H. TRABERT,
JOHN SANDER,
W. P. CHRISTY,
J. B. OVERSON,
Committee.

The report was received for consideration, item by item. Under the consideration of Item 1, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Synod adopt the outline of inquiries to guide the President of Synod or the Presidents of Conferences when designated by him and agrees with the Committee's evangelical interpretation of these inquiries.

The recommendation to change the name of the Eastern Conference was referred to the Conferences for further discussion.

The report was then adopted.

The Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht presented the

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST.

All papers and documents received during the year have been placed on file. Much of this material will be very valuable in time.

We again ask all the congregations which publish parish papers to mail us complete files of the same.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT,

The report was adopted.

The Secretary of Synod presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee held three meetings during the year. On October 22, 1913, the Committee met in the Pastor's Study at the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis., and took action on the following items:

1. The promise of the General Superintendent of English Home Missions to grant $300.00 a year toward the support of the pastor of St. John's, Duluth, beginning Sept. 1, 1913, was endorsed.

2. The following recommendations of the Eastern Conference were adopted:

(*a*) That the Board of English Home Missions be asked to grant a Field Missionary for Wisconsin, and that the Sunday schools, women's societies, men's organizations and Luther Leagues be asked to raise a special fund to apply on the salary of the Field Missionary.

(*b*) That the Home Mission Board be asked to continue its appropriation to the Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, for at least another year. (This congregation became self-supporting June 1, 1914.)

3. The application of the Home Mission Committee of the Central Conference for two additional missionaries, one for Minnesota, and one for North Dakota, was endorsed.

4. The President of Synod was instructed to ask the Church Extension Society for a small loan in behalf of the North Side Mission, La Crosse.

5. The Secretary of Synod was instructed to inform the Secretaries of Church Councils regarding the action of Synods in reference to the introduction of the Duplex Envelope System, the monthly payment of benevolences to the Treasurer of Synod, and the matter of increasing pastors' salaries whenever possible.

Two meetings have been held at this Convention of Synod. The Mission situation was thoroughly reviewed. The matter of beneficiary aid referred to the Committee, with instructions to report at this Convention was also discussed.

In view of the fact that a Committee of the General Council has gone into this problem very fully and published their findings, and furthermore since your Committee does not have this information at hand, it would recommend that this whole question be thoroughly reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Synod adjourned with Rev. Dr. Sander offering prayer.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

Thursday, June 11, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. C. Roth.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of the Fourth Session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a paper be prepared for discussion at the next meeting of Synod on the need of more prayer in our Lutheran Church.

Inasmuch as new members of Synod have difficulty in becoming acquainted with the rules and practices of Synod,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to gather from the Constitution, protocol of Synod, and also from the rules governing the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, such points of information as are most frequently sought, and present the same at the next meeting of Synod, this material to be published in the form of a pamphlet when ratified by Synod.

Mr. O. H. Adler presented the

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

which, after making a few changes, was adopted in the following form:

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

Brethren:—Your Committee appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Jensen, for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1914, beg leave to report that it has completed its work and found the books correct, according to the report submitted by him.

Your Committee recommends that the Treasurer of Synod be required to furnish a bond for one-half the amount of the previous year's receipts, the necessary expense to be borne by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. ADLER,
HENRY SCHAMBOW,
EMIL H. KOEPKE,
Committee.

The Rev. F. E. Cooper presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

It is with much pleasure that we note the marked activity of our President during the last year, as shown by his report, and the splendid progress of the work of our Synod in general. The increased attendance at services and the number of churches dedicated and in process of construction are causes of special rejoicing.

Your Committee takes cognizance of the recommendations of the President's Report numbered three and four, but submits no recommendation for action, inasmuch as such points have already been acted upon at this meeting.

Your Committee submits the following for action:

(*a*) That Synod adopt "The sound business principle" recommended by the General Council, as found in the Minutes of the General Council, 1913, page 189, viz:

"That the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America endorses and recommends for adoption by Synods, Conferences and congregations, the sound principle, that all apportionments regularly adopted by the General Council and its Synods should be considered a business, moral, and Christian obligation, and be duly met in full."

(*b*) And that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of each congregation by the Executive Committee of Synod.

2. That in compliance with the request of the editor of "*The Lutheran*", in his desire to publish an illustrated Synodical edition of our Church paper, a committee be appointed to further such project and report next year.

3. That each pastor and congregation be active in the wider spread of "*The Lutheran*", and that in furtherance of this, any authorized agent of "*The Lutheran*" working in our territory be commended to the congregations and freely admitted by them.

4. That the pastors and various organizations of our churches be especially active in introducing our Lutheran books and publications into their own homes, into Sunday school and public libraries, and that our newest publications: Rev. Finck's "Lutheran Landmarks", Dr. Trabert's "History of English Lutheranism in the Northwest", Kuder & Drach's "History of the Lutheran Mission in India" be heartily recommended.

F. E. COOPER,
G. E. REDMOND,
C. J. ROCKEY,
LUTHER B. DECK,
P. E. BAISLER,
C. P. WEISKOTTEN,
CHAS. G. SCHUMANN,
Committee.

The report was received for consideration. The first recommendation was adopted when time for the Special Order of the Day arrived.

After a five minute recess Synod listened to a paper on "Modern Heresies on Future Punishment", by Rev. L. Franklin Gruber.

Synod adjourned with the singing of Hymn No. 59, the Rev. Dr. Trabert leading in prayer.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, June 12, 9:00 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. L. W. Steckel.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

The order for the day was the consideration of the report of the Committee on President's Report, which was finally adopted at this session. See Fifth Session.

The Rev. F. E. Cooper read the report of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Eastern Conference. The report was referred to the Committee on Conferences, and appears in the Appendix of the Minutes.

Synod listened to the Report of the Committee on College and Preparatory Schools, which resulted in a lengthy discussion, and the adoption of the following amendment, which was transmitted to the authorities of both the District Synod of Ohio and the Chicago Synod:

"In view of the great importance of making adequate provisions for the educational work of the three Synods of the General Council in the Middle West, and because there is some agitation for the establishment of a college under the auspices of these Synods,

1. *Resolved*, That we invite the District Synod of Ohio, and the Chicago Synod to unite with us in the appointment of a special commission, which shall consist of five representatives from each Synod

to consider the whole educational problem of the District involved, and that Synod assume the necessary expenses incurred by the men appointed by this Synod, up to the amount of $200.00.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request and urge the other Synods concerned not to take definite action on this subject until the findings of the proposed commission have been reported.

The Rev. P. E. Baisler, in behalf of the Church Council and congregation of First English Lutheran Church of Winnipeg, Canada, extended an invitation for the next Convention of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

The Report of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council was finally adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

The Rev. W. C. Stump presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL AND PRINTED MINUTES.

Your Committee on Protocol and Printed Minutes has carefully compared these two documents and submits the following report:

Printed Minutes, page 10, the paragraph dated Feb. 28 should end, "And applies at this meeting of Synod for admission into our ranks."

On page 13, Printed Minutes, has "Versailles, Ind.," should be "Versailles, Ohio."

On page 27, should read, "C. A. Smith Timber Co.," instead of "Lumber Co."

On page 79, item 10, line 2, after the words "For this fund" should follow "in approved bonds or other first mortgage securities."

Parochial Report—Finances.

No. 3. Current Expense Column, Printed Minutes, has $1,381.93; should be $1,891.63.

Same Table—No. 18—Extraordinary Expense Column, Printed Minutes, has $833.67; should be $8,636.17.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. STUMP,
A. J. SOMMER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Synod adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Friday, June 12, 2:00 P. M.

The Rev. John S. Albert conducted the devotional service.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. James F. Beates presided.

By action of Synod the Roll was not called. The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and approved.

The Rev. H. K. Gebhart presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on Students for the Ministry recommends the following:

I. That the names and addresses of all promising boys from 7th and 8th grade, upward, in each parish of Synod be secured by the pastors at the very earliest date and forwarded to this Committee.

II. That a circular letter be formulated and a copy mailed to each name so listed.

III. That this circular letter contain the following:

A WORD TO THE BOYS OF OUR ENGLISH LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

1. What is your aim in life?

2. Have *you* ever thought of the Gospel Ministry as a Life work?

3. Do you recognize Christ as your Lord and Saviour and His right to your services?

4. Do you realize that it is the highest privilege any man can enjoy to preach the Gospel?

5. Are you aware that, in preparing for the Ministry it is necessary to take the Latin Course in High School and College?

6. Have you spoken with your pastor about this matter?

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Committee of Synod.

IV. That a second letter, a follow-up letter, be mailed, to each one of these boys, and that it include the following:

A Word to the Boys of Our English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Some months ago we sent you a letter.

1. Are you still thinking of what you are going to do with your life?

2. Do you know what the most important calling in life is?

3. Have you been giving the matter of the Ministry any thought?

4. Do you not think that there is something more important than making money?

5. Do you want to make your own life worth while?

6. Then, will you not give the matter of the Ministry continued serious thought?

V. We recommend that an appropriation, not to exceed $10.00, be made to defray the expenses of this Committee.

VI. That Synod continue a Committee for the furtherance of the purposes specified above.

H. K. GEBHART,
W. K. FRICK,
G. H. TRABERT,
C. J. ROCKEY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. L. Franklin Gruber presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Your Committee appointed "to consider the advisability of organizing a Lutheran Tract Society for the Lutheran Church of the Northwest" (Minutes, 1913, page 56) would make the following report:

Whereas, We believe that such a Society would be conducive of much good in encouraging the preparation and circulation of such tract literature as will not only be edifying, but will also help in encouraging the faith of our people, and

Whereas, Such a Society is already in existence, with headquarters in Philadelphia, having the prestige, advertising, and other facilities back of it, and

Whereas, We believe in centralizing our publication efforts as much as possible, therefore

We believe that it would be inadvisable to organize such a local Society upon the territory of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
L. FRANKLIN GRUBER,
C. J. ROCKEY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President of Synod to examine into the systems for levying apportionments obtaining in the various Synods of the General Council and report their finding at the next session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the discussion of the "Theses on Christian Giving", prepared by the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., for this session be deferred to the next meeting of this Synod, and be made the order for Wednesday afternoon by the Program Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod fill the vacancies on the Board of Control of the Ministers', Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Rev. J. F. Beates, Mr. Otto Monson and Mr. H. A. Swanson were elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when no other provision is made for the travelling expense of members of the Synod engaged in the general work of the Church, the same to be paid out of the Travelling Expense Fund of Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Frick presented the

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1913.

A full delegation of three clerical and three lay delegates represented this Synod at the Toledo convention. The official Minutes have become a bulky volume of 349 pages, containing documents of rare value, such as the report on Inner Missions, 25 pages; Foreign Missions, 73 pages; English Home Missions, 18 pages, etc.

It was a thoroughly progressive convention, wrestling with problems as varied as Education and Slav Missions, Immigrant Work and Arbitration, General Lutheran Conference (Pan-Lutheranism) and World Conference on Faith and Order. From the vantage ground of its international position the General Council, led by the master minds of the American Church, bi-ennially handles the larger ecclesiastical questions, and rallies the churches to joint enterprises of world-wide interest. Representing, as they do, the voice of the Church, rather than of some minor fraction, the Council's official utterances and resolves are commended to the laity of this Synod for careful consideration.

The General Council comprises thirteen Synods, 1,656 ministers, 2,544 congregations, and 486,722 communicants. The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., is its President, and, happily combining theological and practical leadership, has made the General Council, all things considered, the most effective agency of conservative Lutheranism in America. To it this Synod is indebted for its very existence, and through it is enabled to make itself felt for good far beyond its own confines.

This testimony your delegation, deeply impressed by the Toledo Convention, deems it a duty to set forth, that all who hear or read our report may catch the inspiration, and realize the vital importance of hearty co-operation in all the life and work of the General Council.

Coming to details, we note:

1. The Advent Sundays are designated as the time for Porto Rico Mission interests, and Septuagesima Sunday as a time to call attention to the Female Diaconate, pages 72 and 266.

2. The office of Statistican was created, with Mr. George Hemsing as first incumbent, page 190.

3. The Council requests Synods to conform their Minutes in size to that of the General Council, page 276.

4. A form for Parochial Report is recommended, pages 274-6, not essentially different from what we use.

5. The Publication Board reported the purchase of a commanding site on the new Parkway in Philadelphia.

The Board was instructed to enter into the negotiations, looking to a Union Lutheran Depository in Chicago, page 163.

6. An effort is being made to constitute the Church Extension Society an integral part of the General Council, page 60.

7. Under English Home Missions the neglected fields in United States and Canada were reviewed, and Field Missionaries proposed for each State and Province in our territory, pages 145-147.

8. The knotty question of arbitration in English Home Mission work, as between the General Council and the General Synod, which affects pre-eminently our territory, is nearing solution, though our commissioners find the safeguarding of our territory no small task, pages 234-6.

9. The financial question bulked large at Toledo. The Council endorsed and recommended for adoption by Synod, Conferences, and congregations, "The sound business principle that all apportionments regularly adopted by the General Council and its Synods should be considered a business, moral, and Christian obligation, and be duly met in full"; and ordered that a copy of the Resolution on page 198 be sent through the Synod to the several congregations.

Concerning the payment of apportionments it was, page 189,

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of our Committee, every Synod of which this Body is composed should accept its pro rata of all the various operations of the General Council."

10. For apportionments aggregating nearly $8,000, see page 190.

11. With reference to the 1917 Jubilee, during which the Two Million Dollar Fund is to be raised, the case stands thus:

Active work will begin September, 1914, page 220, when a "one-year educational campaign will be started, followed one year later, in 1915, by the opening of an Executive Office, and the start of actual work to raise the Jubilee Fund." (See Synod's 1912 Minutes, page 29, sec. 4.)

12. The Church Book Committee and Publication Board, page 226, were authorized to publish the Common Book, including the Common Service, and the Common Hymnal immediately upon completion, which will no doubt lead to a completed book by the next General Council Convention.

13. With reference to future conventions: For 1915, the invitation of the Swedish congregations at Rock Island was accepted. For 1917, New York has an invitation, but all invitations are referred to the Committee on Quadri Centennial, page 196. For 1919, a Committee on Ways and Means is to report a plan for a Pacific Coast meeting.

14 The Laymen developed unusual activity, page 194, leading to the appointment of two committees: one to formulate plans for a Laymen's organization, page 194; the other for a Committee of Nine, under President Schmauk's chairmanship, to suggest improvements in the organization of the General Council and report in 1915.

15. The University Religious Work, so dear to our hearts, is commended for heartier support. "Other University centers are to be occupied wherever and whenever possible, and all University work unified under the direction of one Committee."

16. The Sunday School Committee has added the Normal Quarterly to its long list of publications.

17. The Inner Mission document is the first comprehensive report of this modern American development furnished forth with many illustrations. The document is offered for free distribution.

18. Finally, we take the liberty of repeating an item in the Delegates' Report, Minutes 1912, page 28: "The General Council desires the setting apart of a General Council Day in each biennium, on which the pastors of the congregations present the work of the Council, as well as the necessity of its existence, and take a collection for General Council expenses. The educational value of such presentation cannot be too strongly emphasized. It must develop a General Council consciousness so necessary in view of the great undertakings attainable alone through the General Body and by united action of the whole mass of its supporters."

ANTHONY F. ELMQUIST.
JAS. F. BEATES.
W. K. FRICK.
GEO. HEMSING.

The report was received and the Secretary instructed to print same in the Minutes.

On motion, by Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That the paper presented by the Rev. J. F. Beates, proposing changes in the methods of conducting business in the General Council be respectfully referred by this Synod to the General Council Committee appointed to suggest improvements in the organization of the General Council.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the paper and Dr. Frick's motion be referred to a committee to report at the next convention of Synod.

Synod took a thirty minute recess to enable the Ministerium to hear a supplementary report of the Examining Committee.

The Rev. W. C. Stump presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.

Your Committee submits its report as follows. We recommend that the following be excused:

Rev. Wm. Eckert—Thursday and Friday Sessions.
Rev. F. E. Cooper—Wednesday Afternoon Session.
Rev. Wm. Bacher—Thursday and Friday Sessions.
Rev. Willis Beck—Tuesday Sessions.
Dr. A. J. D. Haupt—All Sessions.
Rev. G. H. Schnur—Thursday and Friday Sessions.
Rev. C. A. Naumann—Friday Sessions.
Rev. Wm. Gable—Friday Afternoon Session.
Mr. J. T. Janssen—Thursday and Friday Sessions.
Rev. C. C. Roth—Friday Afternoon Session.
Mr. Otto Monson—Tuesday and Wednesday Sessions.
Mr. J. P. Prebensen—Friday Sessions.
Prof. Ralph D. Owen—All Sessions.
Mr. L. A. Anderson—Thursday and Friday Sessions.
Mr. Frank Carlson—All Sessions.
Dr. C. A. Palm—All Sessions.
Rev. F. W. Klingensmith—All Sessions.
Mr. H. J. Bussau—All Sessions.
Mr. E. Bruhn—All Sessions.
Mr. H. F. Mueller—Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Sessions.
Mr. Abel Hanson—All Sessions.

The following were absent from all Sessions and offered no excuses: A. M. Schram and John Charleson.

On account of the laxity of the system and the indefiniteness of some of the excuses offered, we further recommend that all excuses be presented in writing to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. STUMP,
JOHN S. ALBERT,
CARL C. ROTH,
LeROY NIELSEN,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Society of the Central Conference, through an oversight, has not been presented at this meeting of Synod, that the Secretary of said Society be instructed to forward the same to Dr. Trabert, as chairman of the present Committee on Conferences; and that, on his approval, the same be incorporated in the printed Minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod express its hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Church of the Atonement for their kind and cordial entertainment of the members of the Synod during this convention, and that the Secretary be instructed to give the pastor of the congregation a copy of this resolution to be read at its next regular service.

In the election of Synod's representative on the General Council Board of English Home Missions, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the President of Synod, the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D.

The following recommendation of the Ministerium was received and adopted:

Whereas, The application of the Rev. M. H. Wichman has been received, and until such time that he receive a call be it

Resolved, That the application of Mr. Wichman be placed in the hands of the President of Synod until such time as the President of Synod sees fit to recommend his acceptance of a call to labor in a General Council congregation, and that Synod appropriate $250 from its Educational Fund, if necessary, to be used at the discretion of the President of Synod according to the plan proposed by the Examining Committee.

The President of Synod read letters of fraternal greeting from Rev. Benj. F. Hoefer, President of the Chicago Synod; Rev. C. H. Little, President of the Nova Scotia Synod, and Rev. R. L. Leatherman, fraternal delegate of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The Swedish Augustana Synod also sent its greetings, but the telegram came too late to be read at Synod.

The President was instructed to send the greetings of the Synod to the above mentioned bodies next year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That 2500 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that they be distributed pro rata to the congregations of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Deaconess Motherhouse at Milwaukee, through its representative, send an annual report to Synod, and that the same be published in the Minutes of Synod.

The President announced the Special and Standing Committees.

After the singing of Hymn 274, the President closed the Convention according to the Order for closing of Synod.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

GEORGE KELLER RUBRECHT,
Secretary.

Minutes of the Ministerium.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, June 10, 8:45 A. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., offered prayer.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert presented the

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee held a colloquim with the following brethren and recommends them for membership in this body:

The Rev. C. A. Naumann comes to us from the Pittsburgh Synod with the recommendation of its President. He had previously answered the questions of the committee and was on their recommendation installed.

The Rev. A. J. Sommer comes from the Synod of Chicago, with recommendation of its President. The same course was pursued with him as Rev. Naumann, and he was regularly installed.

The Rev. Chas. Gauger comes recommended by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and has taken charge of the church of the Holy Communion in Minneapolis. We are convinced that he will make a worthy member of our Synod.

Your Committee also had before them the following graduates from our Chicago Theological Seminary, who have accepted calls in our Synod, viz: Chas. L. Grant, called to the St. Mark's-Faith Parish, St. Paul, Minn.; Harrison C. Rex, called to Platteville, Wis., and F. R. Webber, called to Beloit, Wis.

We had a colloquim with each of these brethren and asked them such questions as the committee deemed necessary in order to ascertain their theological standing and fitness for successful pastoral work, especially with respect to conditions as they obtain in our Synod. We cordially recommend them for ordination.

G. H. TRABERT.
W. K. FRICK.
JAS. F. BEATES.
JOHN SANDERS.
WM. F. BACHER.
H. K. GEBHART.
F. E. COOPER.

The report was received, considered seriatim and adopted.

The Ministerium adjourned to meet, if necessary, at the call of the President.

The President pronounced the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, June 12, 4:00 P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and the Rev. H. K. Gebhart offered prayer.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert presented a Supplementary Report of the Examining Committee. Under consideration of this report the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The application of the Rev. M. H. Wichmann has been received and until such time that he receives a call, be it

Resolved, That the application of the Rev. Mr. Wichmann be placed in the hands of the President of Synod until such time as the President of Synod sees fit to recommend his acceptance of a call to labor in a General Council congregation; and that Synod appropriate $250.00 from its Educational Fund, if necessary, to be used at the discretion of the President of Synod according to the plan approved by the Examining Committee.

The Ministerium adjourned, with the President pronouncing the Benediction.

DIRECTORY

OF THE

ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

For the Officers of Synod, the Executive Committee of Synod and Conference Officers see last cover page.

Board of Control of the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund:

President—Justice A. Holt, Judge of Supreme Court of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. Term expires 1916.

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By action of Synod the Revs. C. A. Naumann and Luther B. Deck, representing the Eastern and Central Conferences respectively, constitute a committee to maintain a continued interest in the Fund.

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Mr. Frank Burg. Mr. Jno. F. Pergande.

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT OF THE MINISTERS' AID FUND.

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Chairman—Rev. Chas. Gauger, 3104 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. J. S. Albert.

COMMITTEE ON REV. BEATES' PAPER.

Chairman—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D. Rev. J. Sanders, L.H.D.

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COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL EDITION OF "THE LUTHERAN."

Chairman—Rev. J. Sander, L.H.D. Revs. J. F. Beates, F. E. Cooper.

Statistical Tables.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1914-15.

	CONGREGATIONS	Members in Good Std'g	Synodical Expense	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Home Missions	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	Univ. Student Work	Special University Work	German Home Missions	Jewish Missions	Inner Missions	Totals Include Traveling Expense
	Percentage of Total....	.....	5.8	15.5	2.1	31.1	9.3	13.5	5.2	2.6	5.2	5.2	1.0	1.6	2.1	
	MINNESOTA.															
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	112	$ 8 60	$23 00	$ 3 10	$46 07	$13 86	$19 96	$ 7 68	$3 84	$ 7 68	$ 7 68	$ 1 55	$ 2 30	$ 3 10	$148 31
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	85	6 53	17 45	2 35	38 04	10 52	15 15	5 83	2 91	5 83	5 83	1 17	1 75	2 35	112 66
3	Duluth.....St. John's	141	10 82	28 95	3 90	58 00	17 46	25 13	9 66	4 83	9 66	9 66	1 95	2 90	3 90	186 71
4	Goodhue.....St. Luke's	110	8 44	22 59	3 05	45 24	13 62	19 60	7 54	3 77	7 54	7 54	1 52	2 26	3 05	145 67
5	Lindstrom.....Trinity	160	12 28	32 85	4 43	65 80	19 81	28 51	10 97	5 48	10 97	10 97	2 21	3 29	4 43	211 88
6	Minneapolis.....Holy Communion	140	10 75	28 75	3 88	57 58	17 33	24 95	9 60	4 80	9 60	9 60	1 94	2 88	3 88	185 40
7	Minneapolis.....Holy Trinity	160	12 28	32 85	4 43	65 80	19 81	28 51	10 97	5 48	10 97	10 97	2 1	3 29	4 43	211 88
8	Minneapolis.....Redeemer	123	9 44	25 26	3 41	50 59	15 23	21 92	8 43	4 21	8 43	8 43	1 70	2 53	3 41	162 88
9	Minneapolis.....St. John's	450	34 55	92 40	12 46	185 10	55 71	80 20	30 84	15 42	30 84	30 84	6 13	9 25	12 46	595 90
10	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	310	23 80	63 66	8 58	127 50	38 38	55 25	21 25	10 62	21 25	21 25	4 29	6 38	8 58	411 81
11	Minneapolis.....Salem	392	30 09	80 50	10 85	161 20	48 53	69 86	26 87	13 43	26 87	26 87	5 42	8 06	10 85	519 10
12	North St. Paul.....St. Mark's	70	5 37	14 37	1 94	28 79	8 67	12 47	4 80	2 40	4 80	4 80	97	1 44	1 94	92 69
13	Red Wing.....St. Paul's	262	20 10	53 80	7 25	107 75	32 44	46 69	17 96	8 98	17 96	17 96	3 62	5 39	7 25	346 95
14	St. Paul.....Faith	40	3 07	8 21	1 11	16 45	4 95	7 13	2 74	1 37	2 74	2 74	56	82	1 11	52 96
15	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	205	15 74	42 09	5 68	84 31	25 38	36 53	14 05	7 02	14 05	14 05	2 84	4 22	5 68	271 47
16	St. Paul.....Reformation	472	36 24	96 92	13 07	194 13	58 43	84 12	32 35	16 18	32 35	32 35	6 54	9 71	13 07	625 06
17	Stacy.....St. John's	33	2 53	6 77	91	13 57	4 09	5 88	2 26	1 13	2 26	2 26	46	68	91	43 70
18	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	80	6 14	16 43	2 22	32 90	9 90	14 26	5 48	2 74	5 48	5 48	1 11	1 64	2 22	105 93
	MONTANA.															
19	Livingston.....Redeemer	50	3 84	10 27	1 38	20 56	6 19	8 91	3 43	1 72	3 43	3 43	69	1 03	1 38	66 21
	NORTH DAKOTA.															
20	Fargo.....St. Mark's	295	22 65	60 58	8 17	121 32	36 52	52 57	20 22	10 11	20 22	20 22	4 08	6 07	8 17	390 65
	WISCONSIN.															
21	Trinity.....Afton	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Beloit.....Atonement	54	4 15	11 09	1 50	22 21	6 69	9 62	3 70	1 85	3 70	3 70	75	1 11	1 50	71 50
23	Cedarburg.....Advent	80	6 14	16 43	2 22	32 90	9 90	14 26	5 48	2 74	5 48	5 48	1 11	1 64	2 22	105 93
24	Janesville.....St. Peter's	200	15 35	41 07	5 54	82 26	24 76	35 64	13 71	6 85	13 71	13 71	2 77	4 11	5 54	264 82
25	Kenosha.....Grace	279	21 42	57 29	7 73	114 74	34 54	49 72	19 12	9 56	19 12	19 12	3 87	5 74	7 73	369 45
26	La Crosse.....Holy Trinity	165	12 67	33 88	4 57	67 86	20 43	29 41	11 31	5 65	11 31	11 31	2 29	3 39	4 57	218 50
27	Madison.....Holy Trinity	127	9 75	26 08	3 52	52 24	15 72	22 63	8 70	4 35	8 70	8 70	1 76	2 61	3 52	168 18
28	Marshall.....Holy Trinity	32	2 46	6 57	89	13 16	3 96	5 70	2 19	1 09	2 19	2 19	44	66	89	42 37
29	Middleton.....First English	40	3 07	8 21	1 11	16 45	4 95	7 13	2 74	1 37	2 74	2 74	55	82	1 11	52 96
30	Milwaukee.....Epiphany	425	32 63	87 27	11 77	174 80	52 61	75 74	29 13	14 57	29 13	29 13	5 89	8 74	11 77	562 80
31	Milwaukee.....Lake Park	115	8 83	23 61	3 18	47 30	14 24	20 49	7 88	3 94	7 88	7 88	1 59	2 36	3 18	152 28
32	Milwaukee.....Redeemer	430	33 01	88 30	11 91	176 85	53 23	76 63	29 47	14 73	29 47	29 47	5 96	8 84	11 91	569 40
33	Milwaukee.....Reformation	387	29 71	79 46	10 72	159 27	47 91	68 98	26 52	13 26	26 52	26 52	5 36	7 96	10 72	512 42
34	Neenah-Menasha.....St. Paul's	55	4 22	11 29	1 52	22 62	6 81	9 80	3 77	1 88	3 77	3 77	76	1 13	1 52	72 83
35	Oshkosh.....St. John's	108	8 29	22 18	2 99	44 42	13 38	19 25	7 40	3 70	7 40	7 40	1 49	2 22	2 99	143 00
36	Platteville.....First	158	12 13	32 44	4 38	64 98	19 56	28 16	10 83	5 41	10 83	10 83	2 19	3 25	4 38	209 22
37	Racine.....Atonement	222	17 04	45 59	6 15	91 31	27 48	39 57	15 22	7 61	15 22	15 22	3 07	4 57	6 15	293 98
38	Racine.....Holy Communion	460	35 31	94 46	12 74	189 20	56 94	81 97	31 53	15 76	31 53	31 53	6 37	9 46	12 74	609 10
39	Superior.....Holy Trinity	115	8 83	23 61	3 18	47 30	14 24	20 49	7 88	3 94	7 88	7 88	1 59	2 36	3 18	152 28
40	Waterloo.....St. Paul's	63	4 84	12 93	1 74	25 91	7 80	11 23	4 32	2 16	4 32	4 32	87	1 30	1 74	83 42
	CANADA.															
41	Winnipeg.....First English	90	6 91	18 48	2 49	37 01	11 14	16 04	6 17	3 08	6 17	6 17	1 24	1 85	2 49	119 17
	Totals.....	7295	$560 02	$1497 94	$202 02	$3000 49	$903 12	$1300 40	$500 00	$250 00	$500 00	$500 00	$100 88	$150 01	$202 02	$9661 33

Itemized Traveling Expense Report.

	CONGREGATIONS.	Clergy	Lay	Total Travel's Expense	Total plus 10 per cent.	Amount Apportioned	Amount due Synod	Amount Due Congregation
	MINNESOTA							
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	$14 60	$14 60	$29 20	$32 12	$ 9 36	.....	$19 84
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	.....	13 64	13 64	15 00	7 10	.....	6 54
3	Duluth.....St. John's	16 14	16 14	32 28	35 50	11 78	.....	20 50
4	Goodhue.....St. Luke's	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 19	9 19	.....
5	Lindstrom.....Trinity	16 00	16 00	32 00	35 20	13 37	.....	18 63
6	Minneapolis.....Holy Communion	14 32	.....	14 32	15 75	11 70	.....	2 62
7	Minneapolis.....Holy Trinity	14 52	14 52	29 04	31 94	13 37	.....	15 67
8	Minneapolis.....Redeemer	14 52	14 52	29 04	31 94	10 28	.....	18 76
9	Minneapolis.....St. John's	6 06	14 52	20 58	23 16	37 60	17 02	.....
10	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	14 52	.....	14 52	15 97	25 90	11 38	.....
11	Minneapolis.....Salem	14 52	.....	14 52	15 97	32 75	18 23	.....
12	North St. Paul.....St. Mark's	14 08	.....	14 08	15 49	5 85	.....	8 23
13	Red Wing.....St. Paul's	12 64	12 64	25 28	27 80	21 89	.....	3 39
14	St. Paul.....Faith	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 34	3 34	.....
15	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	14 10	14 10	28 20	31 00	17 13	.....	11 07
16	St. Paul.....Reformation	13 98	13 98	27 96	30 76	39 44	11 48	.....
17	Stacy.....St. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 76	2 76	.....
18	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	14 00	.....	14 00	15 40	6 68	.....	7 32
	MONTANA							
19	Livingston.....Redeemer	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 18	4 18	.....
	NORTH DAKOTA							
20	Fargo.....St. Mark's	25 84	25 84	51 68	56 85	24 65	.....	27 03
	WISCONSIN							
21	Afton.....Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Beloit.....Atonement	1 40	3 00	4 40	4 85	4 51	11	.....
23	Cedarburg.....Advent	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 68	6 68	.....
24	Janesville.....St. Peter's	2 92	2 92	5 84	6 32	16 71	10 87	.....
25	Kenosha.....Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 31	23 31	.....
26	La Crosse.....Holy Trinity	8 50	.....	8 50	9 35	13 79	5 29	.....
27	Madison.....Holy Trinity	4 20	4 20	8 40	9 22	10 61	2 21	.....
28	Marshall.....Holy Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 67	2 67	.....
29	Middleton.....First English	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 34	3 34	.....
30	Milwaukee.....Epiphany	70	70	1 40	1 54	35 51	34 11	.....
31	Milwaukee.....Lake Park	70	70	1 40	1 54	9 61	8 21	.....
32	Milwaukee.....Redeemer	83	.....	83	91	35 93	35 10	.....
33	Milwaukee.....Reformation	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 20	32 23	30 23	.....
34	Neenah-Menasha.....St. Paul's	4 72	4 88	9 60	10 56	4 50	.....	5 10
35	Oshkosh.....St. John's	4 12	.....	4 12	4 53	9 02	4 90	.....
36	Platteville.....First	7 40	7 40	14 80	16 28	13 20	.....	1 60
37	Racine.....Atonement	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Racine.....Holy Communion	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 43	38 43	.....
39	Superior.....Holy Trinity	15 40	.....	15 40	16 54	9 61	.....	5 43
40	Waterloo.....St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 26	5 26	.....
	CANADA							
41	Winnipeg.....First English	35 40	35 40	70 80	77 88	7 52	.....	63 28
	Totals.....	$307 13	$230 70	$537 83	$591 57	$590 76	$287 99	$235 12

PAROCHIAL REPORT— MEMBERSHIP

Index No.	CONGREGATIONS Names and Locations	PASTORS Names and Addresses	Organized	Catechumens	Students for the Ministry	No. Communed	In Good Standing	Confirmed	Baptized	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	ACCESSIONS Confirmations	From Lutheran Congregations	Renewal of Faith	Restoration	LOSSES Death	Transfer	Otherwise	NET Loss	Gain	Index Number
	MINNESOTA																				
1	Albert Lea, Salem....309 W. Clark St.	L. W. Steckel	1907	2	....	112	112	145	248	11	1	4	7	2	..	..	3	2	..	9	1
2	Cannon Falls, First English	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1900	9	....	75	85	105	165	2	1	8	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	5	2
3	Duluth, St. John's, Lake Ave., North and 3d	W. F. Bacher, 16 West Third St.	1890	13	1	133	141	185	309	2	3	10	9	..	..	2	6	204	*190	..	3
4	Goodhue, St. Luke's	Willis Beck, Zumbrota	1897	11	....	80	110	135	205	10	..	10	9	..	..	1	..	8	..	10	4
5	Lindstrom, Trinity	John Sander, L. H. D.	1901	23	....	117	160	229	404	8	4	22	2	..	..	2	4	7	..	15	5
6	Minneapolis, Holy Communion....41st Av. S. and 32d St.	Charles Gauger, 3104 39th Av. So.	1909	12	....	151	140	170	550	51	23	25	3	49	..	2	4	1	..	93	6
7	Holy Trinity, 29th Av. S. and 29th St.	John S. Albert, 3015 29th Av. So.	1905	32	1	208	160	314	646	27	..	22	7	6	1	3	5	4	..	24	7
8	Redeemer, Western and Irving Avs.	C. J. Rockey, 314 James Av. No.	1909	35	....	186	123	216	425	30	..	27	..	33	..	1	1	6	..	52	8
9	St. John's, Chicago Av. and 17th St.	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D. 1517 Portland Ave.	1883	18	....	370	450	525	756	16	2	24	10	42	2	3	20	13	..	44	9
10	St. Mark's, Lyndale and 23d Avs. N.	L. F. Gruber, 2910 Lyndale Av. No.	1902	39	1	264	310	478	815	26	3	34	1	24	..	2	1	34	..	25	10
11	Salem, Garfield Av. and W. 28th St.	Geo. H. Trabert, D. D., 610 W. 28th St.	1890	48	....	371	392	575	850	32	2	34	6	28	4	4	17	24	..	29	11
12	North St. Paul, St. Mark's	Charles L. Grant, 350 Fuller Av. St.P'l	1890	11	....	84	70	154	234	3	3	8	..	18	1	1	..	10	.	19	12
12	Red Wing, St. Paul's, ...West Ave.	Carl C. Roth, 629 West 4th Street	1886	28	....	303	262	403	597	13	1	32	2	21	4	6	8	14	..	32	13
14	St. Paul, Holy Trinity Ada & Robie St	James F. Beates, 220 E. Robie St.	1886	42	....	283	205	366	611	20	..	38	4	8	..	1	4	16	..	29	14
15	Reformation, Laurel Av. and Oxford St.	Geo. H. Schnur..	1883	35	....	448	472	681	900	20	1	27	6	5	3	6	67	23	†54	..	1[illegible]
16	Stacy, St John's		1904	..	....	29	33	59	84	2	..	3	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	5	16
17	Zumbrota, Redeemer	Willis Beck	1905	14	....	80	80	120	185	8	..	8	7	..	..	..	3	7	..	5	17
	MONTANA																				
18	Livingston, Redeemer	F. W. Klingensmith	1906	..	....	35	50	50	68	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
	NORTH DAKOTA																				
19	Fargo, St. Mark's, 4th Av. N & 8th St.	W. S. Ulrich, 714 Fourth Ave. No.	1886	40	....	295	295	437	697	37	3	24	1	15	3	..	2	4	..	40	19
	WISCONSIN																				
20	Afton, Holy Trinity	F. R. Webber, Beloit	1908	..	....	....	....	20	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	20
21	Beloit, Atonement, Harrison Av. and Clark St.	F. R. Webber, 625 Harrison Ave.	1905	15	....	73	54	144	310	4	..	..	4	5	..	1	4	33	29	..	21
22	Cedarburg, Advent		1904	8	....	70	80	86	129	2	1	6	6	..	..	..	10	..	..	3	22

23	Janesville, St. Peter's, Center and S. Jackson Sts.	E. O. Hoffmeister, 418 Hickory Street.	1903	48	....	260	200	342	615	12	4	22	4	24	..	..	1	..	..	53	23
24	Kenosha, Grace Prairie and Lyman Av	H. K. Gebhart, 359 Ridge St.	1901	47	....	256	279	337	601	27	2	35	..	16	..	..	3	24	..	26	24
25	La Crosse, Holy Trinity, West Av. and Ferry St.	W. P. Christy, 1122 Ferry St.	1898	20	....	167	165	199	374	11	1	18	5	5	..	1	3	8	..	17	25
26	Madison, Holy Trinity	H. R. Gold, 414 No. Henry St.	1907	5	1	115	127	134	258	17	..	8	3	..	..	1	2	7	..	1	26
27	Middleton, First English	H. R. Gold, Madison, Wis.	1908	6	....	58	40	52	81	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
28	Milwaukee, Epiphany, 2d & Clarke Sts	G. Keller Rubrecht, 999 Island Ave.	1905	76	1	375	425	524	1224	39	6	52	4	38	1	1	8	12	..	80	28
29	Lake Park, Park Pl. & Stowell Ave.	F. E. Cooper, 621 Prospect Ave.	1911	26	2	103	115	122	166	3	3	23	16	31	..	..	..	1	..	72	29
30	Redeemer, 16th St. and Grand Ave.	Wm. K. Frick, D. D., 2305 Cedar St.	1890	41	....	370	430	610	700	32	4	31	14	12	..	3	14	10	..	34	30
31	Reformation, 35th and Elm Sts	C. A. Naumann, 729 27th Street.	1908	42	....	350	387	517	817	20	1	10	37	3	..	1	..	33	..	17	31
32	Oshkosh, St. John's, Wisconsin Ave. and Union St.	Wm. C. Stump, 170 Wisconsin Ave.	1907	3	....	96	108	162	257	6	..	3	..	7	..	1	2	2	..	5	32
33	Platteville, First, 4th and Mineral Sts.	Harrison C. Rex	1902	11	....	182	158	262	399	16	2	11	8	2	..	2	4	2	..	15	33
34	Racine, Atonement, Wright & Quincy Aves.	W. F. Rex, 2911 Wright Ave.	1909	36	....	191	222	285	586	27	..	21	7	..	..	1	4	7	..	16	34
35	Holy Communion, Washington Av. and Tenth St.	John F. Fedders	1898	89	3	425	460	570	966	21	1	53	6	32	..	2	2	10	..	78	35
36	Superior, Holy Trinity, John Av. and 18th St.	Wm. H. Gable, 1711 North 19th St.	1905	33	....	100	115	155	430	13	4	23	1	14	..	..	..	22	..	20	36
37	Waterloo, St. Paul's		1906	1	....	60	63	71	130	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	8	..	37
38	Marshall, Holy Trinity		1913	12	....	40	32	32	47	2	5	10	16	8	..	..	7	..	..	32	38
39	Neenah-Menasha, St. Paul's	A. J. Sommer.	1912	14	....	65	55	75	140	9	2	8	6	4	60	1	2	2	..	75	39
	CANADA																				
40	Winnipeg, First English, Maryland St. and Ellice Av.	P. E. Baisler, 573 Maryland St.	1905	12	....	96	90	147	334	19	..	8	4	29	..	1	5	..	..	35	40
		Totals for 1914		957	10	7076	7255	10173	17343	612	84	702	216	483	79	54	224	553	282	1015	
		Totals for 1913		942	8	6447	6864	9440	16364	618	57	602	162	395	23	64	122	452	....	....	
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		Increase		15	2	629	391	733	979	....	27	100	54	88	56	....	102	101	....	733	

* The above large loss was chiefly due to the incorrectness of the report of the previous year.

† The above loss included the dismissal of a number for the organization of Faith Mission, received at this meeting of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORT—FINANCES

Index No.	CONGREGATIONAL: Value of Property	CONGREGATIONAL: Current Expenses	CONGREGATIONAL: Extraordinary Expenses	CONGREGATIONAL: Total for Local Objects	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: SYNODICAL: Synodical Expenses	Traveling Expenses	Ministerial Relief Fund	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Inner Missions	GENERAL COUNCIL: Home Missions	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	University Student Work	German Home Missions	Jewish Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	TOTAL AND AVERAGE: Grand Total	Average per Member
Minnesota																						
1	$ 3500	$1461 49	$220 74	$1682 23	$8 40	$6 92	.....	$23 00	$3 00	$1 50	$38 30	$13 00	$18 50	$ 7 70	$3 00	$7 70	$1 50	$2 30	3 00	$ 137 82	$ 1820 05	$16 25
2	3000	400 00	.....	400 00	6 40	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	1 14	.....	23 74	423 74	4 99
3	10000	1454 45	100 00	1554 45	11 60	9 49	28 37	50 00	.....	.....	52 38	17 80	30 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209 64	1764 09	12 51
4	2500	450 00	.....	450 00	8 00	.....	4 00	65 50	.....	1 50	19 25	.....	13 30	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 08	2 20	.....	126 83	576 83	5 24
5	7500	1181 37	1388 59	2569 96	12 70	10 41	12 00	48 57	1 00	2 00	34 26	.....	13 00	3 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	6 50	148 94	2718 90	16 99
6	6500	566 77	358 46	925 23	4 80	3 65	11 00	13 10	1 70	3 90	51 90	7 40	15 50	9 40	1 70	4 40	90	1 30	53 72	184 37	1109 60	7 91
7	4200	1689 37	246 25	1935 62	14 90	22 63	18 25	60 50	5 40	12 70	78 80	23 10	39 12	18 60	5 40	13 60	2 70	4 10	74 57	394 37	2329 99	14 56
8	5000	1561 22	472 50	2033 72	8 00	4 27	16 97	126 00	2 90	1 50	54 00	12 40	22 50	12 30	5 90	7 30	1 50	2 20	48 92	326 66	2360 38	19 18
9	20000	4133 84	.....	4133 84	32 00	.....	.....	112 00	11 70	5 80	145 30	49 50	69 80	29 00	11 60	29 00	5 80	8 70	100 00	610 20	4744 04	10 54
10	10000	2406 57	403 99	2810 56	24 20	19 90	20 00	66 00	8 80	10 00	121 00	35 02	58 00	22 00	8 50	22 00	4 40	6 60	20 00	446 42	3256 98	10 50
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PAROCHIAL REPORT—ORGANIZATIONS

Index Number	CONGREGATIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES				YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES				MEN'S SOCIETIES			
		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions	
		Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence
	MINNESOTA.																
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	132	75	$ 175 51	$38 58	42	35	$462 50	.....	18	10	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	75	45	45 00	.....	30	28	100 00	20 00	35	25	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
3	Duluth.....St. John's	162	93	123 67	39 95	38	20	280 90	70 60	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Goodhue.....St. Luke's	25	20	10 00	.....	30	25	50 00	15 00	40	35	35 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
5	Lindstrom.....Trinity	187	106	54 57	.....	32	30	952 46	23 00	28	26	93 45	2 00	....	....	.....	.....
6	Minneapolis.....Holy Communion	280	135	96 02	48 21	38	18	30 56	52 97	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
7	Minneapolis.....Holy Trinity	275	175	133 10	138 21	52	20	307 04	95 00	40	30	25 00	2 10	12	8	1 80	.....
8	Minneapolis.....Redeemer	300	195	165 74	118 86	32	21	97 63	45 30	34	22	35 10	.....	....	....	.....	.....
9	Minneapolis.....St. John's	225	160	200 00	32 90	99	55	772 31	45 10	110	64	147 37	.....	....	....	.....	.....
10	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	370	209	259 22	71 79	30	18	238 31	30 00	54	35	24 93	30 00	15	10	10 00	.....
11	Minneapolis.....Salem	300	185	130 00	148 90	53	25	295 81	65 00	50	35	15 00	45 60	15	10	10 00	.....
12	North St. Paul.....St. Mark's	69	52	53 00	15 39	..	..	.....	.....	18	15	12 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
13	Red Wing.....St. Paul's	204	130	.....	.....	91	65	.....	78 00	30	30	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
14	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	281	142	215 58	84 02	56	16	124 07	51 00	33	15	96 87	10 00	32	14	57 31	5 00
15	St. Paul.....Reformation	250	160	222 64	71 45	120	80	1210 42	103 36	100	60	40 22	15 00	50	40	.....	.....
16	Stacy.....St. John's	53	31	31 75	6 90	31	18	86 05	19 55	18	8	84 52	.....	....	....	.....	.....
17	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	75	40	50 00	5 00	30	25	150 00	10 00	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	MONTANA																
18	Livingston.....Redeemer	50	27	47 97	16 12	17	15	772 97	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	NORTH DAKOTA																
19	Fargo.....St. Mark's	298	152	333 32	124 21	90	43	992 88	86 33	30	25	12 94	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	WISCONSIN																
20	Afton.....Holy Trinity	...	...	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
21	Beloit.....Atonement	109	49	60 00	5 40	32	20	110 91	.....	20	14	7 11	.....	18	....	.....	.....
22	Cedarburg.....Advent	48	28	.....	.....	25	18	.....	.....	28	20	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
23	Janesville.....St. Peter's	260	160	120 00	67 21	32	20	214 66	.....	16	16	27 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
24	Kenosha.....Grace	363	209	428 88	76 62	114	74	635 84	15 00	12	9	37 74	.....	27	14	99 38	.....

25	La Crosse	Holy Trinity	194	150	300 00	48 00	30	22	575 00	60 00	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
26	Madison	Holy Trinity	100	67	65 65	64 57	27	24	366 95	19 60	92	58	131 14	5 00	20	15	27 00	.....
27	Middleton	First English	...	...	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
28	Milwaukee	Epiphany	720	350	815 58	35 88	45	25	299 02	25 50	60	50	25 00	.....	24	18	10 00	.....
29	Milwaukee	Lake Park	116	70	115 97	53 86	50	45	401 84	20 00	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
30	Milwaukee	Redeemer	200	112	222 59	84 94	67	38	606 00	97 00	20	15	6 00	.....	..	..	.....	.....
31	Milwaukee	Reformation	396	295	250 00	200 00	80	45	375 00	50 00	50	35	15 00	.....	70	50	50 00	10 00
32	Oshkosh	St. John's	90	56	101 33	.....	18	13	119 15	6 40	14	11	93 98	1 00	22	11	.....	.....
33	Platteville	First	83	60	80 68	.....	57	26	79 04	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
34	Racine	Atonement	339	203	421 18	46 50	76	48	489 70	28 51	45	24	52 28	.....	48	26	68 81	.....
35	Racine	Holy Communion	475	315	300 00	115 00	140	85	483 21	75 00	52	45	110 27	15 00	15	10	40 00	.....
36	Superior	Holy Trinity	193	96	74 34	15 31	40	28	272 98	18 00	29	27	50 00	10 00	....	....	.....	.....
37	Waterloo	St. Paul's	60	42	80 00	.....	18	17	300 00	.....	15	10	50 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
38	Marshall	Holy Trinity	21	15	.....	.....	18	17	200 00	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Conference was held in St. Mark's Church, Fargo, N. D., Rev. W. S. Ulrich, Pastor, October 7-8, 1913. Eleven of the twenty-one societies were represented.

The following addresses were made and papers read during the Convention:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

Paper—"Our Society's Finances," Mrs. W. F. Meck.
Paper—"Our Local Society's Mission at Home," Mrs. J. Sander.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON:

Paper—"The Ministry of Mercy."
Written by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., and in his absence read by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Address—"Foreign Missions," Rev. J. S. Albert.
Address—"Opportunities and Possibilities for English Home Mission Work in the Northwest," Rev. L. Hogshead.

Treasurer's report as follows:

EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, October 1st, 1912	$53.52	
Dues from societies	58.10	
		$111.62

EXPENDITURES.

Postage	$ 4.74	
Dues, General Council Missionary Society	5.00	
To deficit, Mission Fund	1.51	
		$ 11.25
Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1913		$100.37

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1912	$200.68	
Convention offerings for deficit	27.81	
Pledges for deficit	45.00	
Drawn from Expense Fund	1.51	
		$275.00
Convention offering — Inner-Mission	$ 11.28	
Balance	29.20	
Albert Lea — Salem	77.85	
Cannon Falls	15.00	
Duluth — St. John's	32.55	
Fargo — St. Mark's	3.00	
Goodhue — St. Luke's	15.00	
Lindstrom — Trinity	14.00	
Minneapolis — St. Mark's	45.00	
" St. John's	29.75	
" Salem	5.00	
" Holy Trinity	23.00	
" Holy Communion	18.00	
" Redeemer	38.00	
St. Paul — Memorial Ladies' Aid	59.50	
" Memorial Sewing Circle	9.65	
" Holy Trinity	34.00	
" St. James	31.00	
Red Wing — St. Paul's	61.00	
Stacy — St. John's	28.00	
Superior — Trinity	5.00	
Winnipeg — First	5.00	
Total		$589.78

ON SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

Fargo — St. Mark's	$ 66.00	
Duluth — St. John's	22.50	
		$ 88.50
Grand total receipts		$953.28

APPROPRIATIONS.

ON SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

Toward Foreign Missions	$ 55.00	
Home Missions	10.00	
Porto Rico	7.70	
Slav Missions	8.30	
		$ 81.00

TO CREDIT OF SOCIETY.

Foreign Missions	$ 75.00	
Home Missions	200.00	
Total 1911 and 1912 pledges		$275.00

Albert Lea — Girl's Scholarship (F. M.)	$ 15.00	
Minneapolis Hospice	30.28	
Porto Rico Missions	64.20	
Zenana Work — Duluth pledge	7.50	
Leper Colony — South America	5.05	
Home Missions	200.00	
Church Extension — (Albert Lea)	50.00	
Slav Missions	5.00	
Jewish Missions	1.60	
Foreign Missions	50.00	
		$428.63
Grand total		$784.63
Balance in treasury October 1st, 1913		$168.65

The following business was transacted:

The Society renewed its pledge of $100.00 toward Foreign and Medical Missions.

Pledge of $50.00 toward Porto Rico work renewed.

Pledge of $300.00 toward salary of Field Missionary on territory renewed.

The Society decided to insert a brief report in the Minutes of Synod and also in the Mission Worker.

Committees on Slav Missions and Missionary Exhibit were added to our list of Standing Committees.

India Lace Committee reported having sold $123.00 worth of lace.

A recommendation was made and adopted that we encourage the work of Inner Missions.

The Fall Convention will be held in the Church of the Reformation, St. Paul, Minn.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Mrs. L. F. Gruber, 2910 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. Schwend, 1504 Eleventh Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. B. Deck, 3012 Twenty-ninth Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. Sander, Lindstrom, Minn.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. Scott, 818 Watson Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

MRS. LUTHER B. DECK,
Recording Secretary.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Eastern Conference was held at the Church of the Reformation, Rev. C. A. Naumann, Pastor, Milwaukee, Wis., October 21st and 22d, 1913.

Twenty-seven delegates, representing fifteen churches, and seven officers, were present.

Membership,	Adult.....	524 (gain of 132 over 1912)
	Juniors.....	11
Total.....		535

The papers read at these meetings were:

"The Missionary Thermometer," Miss Adele Wehe.
"God, Prayer, Man and Missions," Rev. W. Krumveide.
"Signs of the Times," Mrs. Frank Hemsing.
"Interesting Children in Missions," Mrs. Jas. Maitland.
"Conclusive Reasons for Missions," Mrs. W. E. Black.
Reading—"Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," Miss Carrie Johnson.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, 359 Ridge St., Kenosha, Wis.
Vice-Presidents—
Mrs. A. F. Sperling, 707 37th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. Franklin Raab, 782 Stowell Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. A. W. Bogk, 680 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Rec. Sec'y—Mrs. Wm. E. Black, 882 Summit Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Cor. Sec'y—Mrs. George Hemsing, 2811 State St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. C. Stump, 170 Wisconsin St., Oshkosh, Wis.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. W. K. Frick, 2305 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. C. C. Olson, 956 Washington Av., Racine, Wis.
Mrs. A. Krause, Elm St., Beloit, Wis.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

LITERATURE—
Mrs. James Maitland, 423 Newberry Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.

LIFE MEMBERS AND MEMORIAM—
Mrs. A. J. Sommer, Neenah, Wis.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES—
Mrs. F. H. Paeske, 699 29th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

FOREIGN AND MEDICAL MISSIONS—
Mrs. R. A. Musheid, 1309 State St., La Crosse, Wis.

HOME MISSIONS—
Mrs. C. P. Weiskotten, Waterloo, Wis.

INNER MISSIONS—
Mrs. A. F. Sperling, 707 37th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

PORTO RICO—
Mrs. F. C. Hemsing, 3004 State St., Milwaukee, Wis.

INDIA LACES—
Mrs. A. W. Bogk, 680 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

INDIA BOXES—
Mrs. R. H. Hokansen, 1054 Sherman Ave., Madison, Wis.

POST CARDS—
Mrs. Henry Schambow, Platteville, Wis.

MISSIONARY EXHIBIT—
Mrs. W. F. Rex, 2911 Wright Ave., Racine, Wis.

JUNIOR WORK—
Mrs. Fred Schuette, Cedarburg, Wis.

SLAV WORK—
Mrs. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis.

The finances were reported as follows:

Receipts	$419.78
Disbursements	394.17
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1913	$ 25.61

Home Missions	$277.66
Slovak Missions	10.00
Inner Missions	34.12
Porto Rico Missions	56.00
India Missions	88.68
Japan Missions	37.00
India boxes	1 box
Laces	158.03
Post Cards	21.95
Life Membership	5.00
" "	10.00
Annual Dues	51.73
Total contributions	$750.17

OFFERINGS AT MEETINGS.

Oct. 21—Tuesday afternoon	$ 11.00
Tuesday evening (given by Conference to Mission Society)	9.21
Oct. 22—Wednesday afternoon	15.07
	$ 35.28

COPIES OF PAPERS.

Mission Workers	216
Mission Tidings	41
Monthly Program	109
Mission Study Classes	2
Number of S. S. having mission talks or exercises	6

The following business was transacted:

That the Society pledge $300.00 toward a fund to be created for a Field Missionary for Wisconsin.

That the Society pledge $25.00 to the Japan Missions.

That the Society pledge $25.00 toward the erection of a "Rest Bungalow" in the Koti-Givi Hills, India.

That the Society ask the Conference for the last day of the Session in October.

It was reported that the Society lived up to the tax of 10% per capita, of the $15,000 fund, the amount raised was $301.13.

The Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., have acquired the standard of efficiency in their society and they were given a rising vote of congratulations.

Greetings were sent to the Ohio Convention.

Greetings were sent to the new society at Marshall, Wis.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. BLACK,
Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Plan for Providing a Fund in support of Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

1. The NAME of this fund shall be THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND OF THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

2. This fund shall be sustained by the annual contributions of pastors and congregations, by private donations and by bequests.

3. Every pastor of the Synod shall pay into this fund, each year before closing of the Treasurer's books, previous to the meeting of Synod, a sum amounting to one-half of one per cent (½%) of his salary which shall include a reasonable rent of the parsonage, if one is provided by the congregation. It is further provided that in case his congregation refuses to pay its assessment into the fund he shall pay one per cent (1%) of his salary as provided in Rule 14.

4. Each congregation shall pay at the rate of one per cent (1%) of its annual income for current expenses,* which amount shall be added to its annual budget and be paid into the fund each year before the closing of the Treasurer's books, previous to the meeting of Synod. The contribution to this fund shall be regarded an obligation just as binding as paying the salary of the pastor, and the half rate granted the pastor is conditional upon the prompt payment of this assessment by the congregation.

5. Private donations by direct gifts, or legacies may be made to the Treasurer at any time, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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* By current expenses is meant, all monies paid out for salaries (pastor, organist, choir, janitor, etc.), fuel, light, taxes, and all necessary expenses of the congregations. It does not include interest on mortgages, etc.

THE BOARD.

6. A Board composed of five members shall have control of the fund. The members of this board shall be elected by the Synod to serve for three years, one member of the first board being elected for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and their successors for three years, any member of the board being eligible for re-election.

7. In case of a vacancy occurring in the board during the year, the remaining members shall have power to fill the same until the next meeting of the Synod.

8. The board shall elect its own officers and shall keep a strict account of all moneys received and invested and of all benefits paid, and shall render a full report to the Synod at each annual convention.

9. The Treasurer of the Board shall give a bond to the Synod in such amount as it may from time to time fix for the faithful discharge of his duties and the accounting of all money and securities coming into his hands. The cost of procuring such bond shall be borne by the Synod.

10. The board shall receive, and invest all the moneys contributed for this fund in approved bonds or other first mortgage securities, and administer the same as the Synod may direct. Unless otherwise ordered by Synod, it shall fix the amount of benefit to be paid in each case, and shall pay the same to the beneficiary as provided for in Rules 12 and 13.

11. No aid shall be rendered from this fund until the fund shall reach ten thousand dollars ($10,000), but in case of special need the board may request a special contribution from the congregations. It is further provided that the principal, ten thousand dollars ($10,000), shall not be used except as a perpetual investment for the fund.

BENEFICIARIES.

12. Any minister of the Synod becoming superannuated or disabled and incapable for pastoral work or teaching, shall receive such amount annually (to be paid in ~~quarterly~~ installments) as the board, according to the circumstances and the amount in the fund may justify, or as the Synod may have designated.

monthly

13. A minister's widow shall receive a benefit from the fund as long as she remains a widow, if in the judgment of the board it be deemed necessary. Should she marry again the said aid shall cease. Should she die leaving orphan children, the amount of support to be rendered each child shall be determined by the board according to their needs, but all such benefits shall cease upon the sixteenth birthday of each child, or sooner at the discretion of the board.

14. A minister of the Synod, not a regular pastor of a congregation but engaged in the service of the Church, shall enjoy the benefit of the fund provided he pays annually one per cent (1%) of his salary into the fund, unless for some sufficient reasons Synod make him a special rate.

15. Should a minister who has contributed to the fund for three (3) years, move out of the Synod, he may continue to enjoy the benefits of the fund by contributing annually to the fund such an amount as in the judgment of the board shall be equitable and just, both to the Synod and to the beneficiary, provided he remains in the active work of the ministry, and in good standing in some synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

16. Any minister relinquishing the active ministry to engage in purely secular work shall be excluded from the benefits of the fund, as it is intended for those only who give their entire time and strength to the service of the Church.

17. Every minister and congregation applying for membership in the Synod shall be *notified by the president of the Synod* of the rules and provisions made for the aid of the pastors, and their widows and orphans.

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